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Easter Concert

We began to prepare our annual Easter Concert on March 23. The choir and others who took part were chosen and the program arranged.

Our concert, which was given April 8, took place in the Chapel. The Chapel was prettily decorated with lattice work and flowers. In the rear of the speakers was placed a large white cross.

The program for the concert follows:

HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen
Choir

RESPONSIVE READING
Leader, Howitt R. Warren

INVOCATION
Mr. Wallace

HYMN He is Risen
Choir

RECITATION Easter Greeting
Richard L. Henderson

READING The First Easter
Darwin Chapdelaine

SONG Night with Somber Shadows
Arthur C. Brown, with Choir

DIALOGUE Our Easter Day
Harry H. Cole, Dexter V. Woodman

VIOLIN SOLO Beneath the Cross of Jesus
Roger L. Holton

RECITATION Joyous Easter
Everett W. Stone

HYMN In the Garden of God
Choir

RECITATION The Smile and Word of Cheer

Ralph W. Milliken, Kenneth James
Robert H. Erwin, Willis M. Wight

HYMN Hail the Risen King
Choir

DUET Easter
Otto Kohl, Benjamin Mende

RECITATION Easter Hymn
Frank J. Dow

RECITATION Never More Tears or Sorrows
George F. Carr

DUET Sing His Praise and Power
Waldo L. Waters, William L. Young

RECITATION I Have Seen Beauty
Henry M. Caswell

DIALOGUE The Glad Message
Reginald D. Randall

EXERCISE An Easter Hike
Four Boys

HYMN Waiting
Choir

BRASS QUARTET Christ Arose

RECITATION The Legend Beautiful
Carl O. G. Wjks

HYMN Open Tomb
Choir

REMARKS
Mr. Meacham
Carl A. Carlson

The First Class Party

This year the Senior Class decided to give a party instead of the usual Class Dance.

We planned the affair quite carefully and everything was in readiness when the

time came. The class and its guests passed to the gymnasium where the first part of the party took place.

In the gymnasium several games were played. These were very interesting and much fun was derived from them. One of the games was of picking up a platter while it was spinning. If this was not accomplished successfully a forfeit had to be paid such as posing as a statue, singing a song or dancing a jig. After an hour of such varied and interesting amusement we left the gymnasium and passed to the Assembly Hall.

As each person passed into the hall he was given a paper hat and a horn. He then found his place at the table. Each place was marked with an artistically designed card. This card contained the names of the members of the class as well as the name of the recipient. We soon took our places and began to eat a most enjoyable repast. The menu consisted of fruit and chicken salad, rolls, fruit punch, candy, cookies and ice cream.

Music was supplied by the victrola and radio.

The entire party was a wonderful success, and the boys in the First Class wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Meacham and the others who helped make the party such a wonderful success.

William N. West I

Repairing the Floats

Each year in the early spring it is customary to beach our floats and make necessary repairs. The floats are damaged more or less during the winter months. The first thing we do is to take the barrels out from under the float. The float on the south side of the Wharf is the lighter of the two; consequently it has only barrels to float it while the other float employs both

barrels and pontoons to keep it afloat.

It is a simple matter to remove the barrels. The float is jacked up and the barrels removed. To release the pontoons is a much different story. This job requires the combined efforts of all the boys and a team of horses.

When the barrels and pontoons have been removed the floats are carefully examined and repaired wherever necessary. Some of the common repairs are the replacing of broken boards, renewing the beams, and perhaps the cleats.

The last thing that is done to the floats is a thorough coating of tar. This coating is most important, as it keeps the beams from becoming waterlogged and worm-eaten.

When the floats are finished we begin to repair the pontoons. The seams are calked and the pontoons and barrels are given a heavy coating of tar. The pontoons and barrels are then put back under the float. When the float is assembled we float them at the next high tide and put them in place.

George A. Taylor II

Planting Gardens

One noon hour, after dinner, the Supervisor said any boys who would like seeds to go into the washroom. Nearly all the boys went to the washroom to get their seeds.

After the seeds were distributed the boys put them in their lockers until they were able to plant them. I planted mine that evening.

We were given a variety such as, gladiola-bulbs, carnations, sweet williams, poppies, two kinds of chinese pinks, zinnias

and a few other kinds.

We have had a great deal of rain lately, so I think when the sun comes out they will grow quickly.

The gardens are looking fine now and some of the plants are already up.

Harry Belham IV

A Talk About the World War

Wednesday morning May 23rd, Mr. Meacham came into the Third Class school room and gave the class a talk about the World War. He told us many experiences that he had during the war. Two disagreeable things that he noticed over there were the rats and the cooties.

It took sixteen days to go over and sixteen days to return. He went over in an English boat and came back in an American boat. The reason it took so long was because there were a few small boats that went with the transports to protect them from submarines. The small boats could not go as fast as the transports.

The talk was very interesting and we appreciated it very much. We hope that there will never be another war.

Gordon L. Whalen III

Boats We See

One of the boats we are likely to see every day is the Coleman. This boat belongs to the Coleman Disposal Company which is located on Spectacle Island.

Some of the boats we see once and sometimes twice a year, are the Majestic and the Leviathan. These boats are both ocean liners. The Leviathan is the second largest boat in the world. We also see the Florida, which is one of the largest battleships in the Navy.

We have an opportunity to see such ill-fated vessels as the Submarine S-4, the Paulding, the Robert E. Lee and others.

We also see the George Washington, which was a famous transport during the war. It carried soldiers from this country to Europe.

Of course we can always see freighters, tramp steamers, fishing schooners, and ocean liners.

Benjamin Mende II

Changing Uniforms

One evening after we had our night hour we were called down to the locker room. We did not know what we were going to do. When we were all seated our Supervisor told us to go to our lockers and put on our full uniform. Then one row at a time was inspected. If they were all right he would say "ok" and our names were checked off. If they were not all right he would tell us what part to change in the Clothing Room. After awhile we went to the dormitory.

Everett W. Stone VI

Commander Byrds' Plane

Commander Richard E. Byrd, the well-known Arctic explorer and transatlantic flyer is now planning for a trip to the Antarctic where he hopes to make explorations in that region around the South Pole. He is making tests in Boston Harbor and the district around. A plane he is using is kept at East Boston Airport where it was assembled and placed on pontoons for landing on water. It is the largest plane ever put on pontoons. The plane, a Fokker, has three motors, and two wings. The side motors are streamlined and are light gray. The fuselage is scarlet while the wings and tail are varnished fabric. The plane is taken out quite often. We have the privilege of watching it fly around the harbor, also we see it land and take off from the water. It is now called the "Friendship."

Kenneth James IV

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For four centuries Thompson's Island has been distinctive. To this island in 1621 came Miles Standish, the first white man to land in Boston Harbor. Here also David Thompson built the first house

in 1626. Here since 1832 has been located a school unlike any other in the world.

Since 1814 this school has successfully maintained an institution for worthy boys of limited means. It has been a pioneer in many activities, now recognized as essential elements in the complete development of boys.

The Y. M. C. A. annually uses large sums of money for its three-fold work of physical, mental, and spiritual development of boys and young men. The Children's Aid Societies maintain extensive staffs of workers to assist needy youth. Boys' Clubs conduct big campaigns for funds to keep boys occupied during their leisure time. The Boy Scouts teach great numbers woodcraft and other valuable truths of life. The George Junior Republic established in 1896 is far famed for its practical civic training. Summer camps, Red Cross swimming instructions, country vacations, boys' bands, garden cities, private and public schools with their complex schedules of activities, vocational guidance, churches, homes, and many other organizations and institutions are maintained and operated for the purpose of assisting boys to become useful, christian citizens.

The Farm and Trades School provides every one of the several fundamentals embodied in the aforementioned organizations. It occupies 157 acres of farm land in the city of Boston.

Space prohibits enumeration of the complete schedule of physical, mental, and spiritual activities of the school. The first boys' band in America was here organ-

ized in 1857. The pioneer boys' government, with its city hall and city of cottages modeled on actual usage was started in 1888 and furnishes practical lessons in government, politics, business forms, the transfer of property, and trains the boy in the spirit and ideals of true and practical citizenship. The school bank was started in 1889.

This school was the first in America to introduce sloyd. The school press first issued the Beacon in 1897. The Farm School Trading Company was organized in 1900. Meteorology was introduced in 1905, and our Observatory daily displays the Government weather flags.

About 200 boys annually seek admission to this school. About fifteen graduate each year, therefore we have no alternative but to reject about 92 per cent of the boys that ask to come. Our course is six years in length and the capacity of the school is 100 boys. Wouldn't it be a wonderful attainment if funds were available to care for and build into fine, useful, Christian men this 92 per cent that has to now be turned away? Only the lack of money limits the possibilities of this great work.

Topics in Brief

Our Easter Concert was held this year on Sunday, April 8. Thirty boys took part, besides the choir of twenty-five voices.

The baseball shield for the championship team and cups for the best player in his position were awarded this month. The silver cups and shield are given each year by Manager S. V. R. Crosby.

The boys have started work on their gardens. These gardens prove very interesting to visitors and friends of the School.

We have done a large amount of landscape gardening this year. Especially noticeable are the grounds in the rear of Gardner Hall and the Power House.

We were especially fortunate in having the Lotus Male Quartet, with Miss Shepard, reader, as assisting artist, entertain us this month.

Our gasoline launch, the "Winslow," was launched this month. Her engine has just been completely overhauled.

About sixty boys went to town to take part in the parade of boys uniformed bands on April 19. Our boys did very well in their part of the parade. Our number was made up of two platoons of sixteen boys each, the color guards and color bearers and the Band.

The boys' teeth have all been carefully examined and necessary work on them is being done by Dr. Frank T. Taylor.

We began early this year in an effort to check the mosquito. The work has been going along splendidly and so far excellent results have been achieved.

The "Pilgrim" was beached and her winter sheathing removed this month. Also shortly before this new grates were installed in her boiler.

Rain and cold weather has been hindering the work of the farm. However the work has progressed most satisfactorily. The hothouse crops have been started and our fields are ready for the seed.

Cottage Row Government held its quarterly election this month. Theodore L. Vitty was elected Mayor.

The lawn settees have been repaired and revarnished.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, April 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

5th. George M. Beck aged 15 yrs. entered as a pay student.

8th. Frederick McCoy left, indented to Mr. Ingies of Weston, Massachusetts, shoemaker and farmer.

Reverend Bascom came down and officiated before the boys.

22nd Deacon Grant and Mr. Carg visited us and examined the boys.

Total number of boys present at the end of this month 107- all in good health.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, April 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

6th. A showery day. Wind every way. Got steam on boat. Mr. Lyman came by way of Squantum in morning. Carried him to Mr. Reeds, and thence went to city to get Messrs. Emmons, Storer, Bowditch, Homans, and S. G. DeBlois, who came to examine the school. Returned them at 5 P. M. They appeared well pleased with the examination.

8th. Miss Vore who has been teaching during the past four months as Miss Gamwell's substitute left this P. M. and Miss Gamwell returned to her duties.

11th. Last day Graduates to the number of twenty or more came.

18th. Sowed onions. T. J. Evans and D. H. Moore--graduates--and two very fine young men--visited us today.

Mrs. Morse went to the city

25th. Owen Webster went to Mrs. Gamp-Guilford, Vermont.



Our First Friends' Day, which was to be held on April 25th, was postponed until May 9, because of unfavorable weather.

April Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 84° on the second.

Minimum Temperature 23° on the twenty-sixth.

Mean Temperature for the month 43

Ten clear days, nine partly cloudy, eleven cloudy.

My Prize

Mr. Grant, who is a friend of the School gives five dollars each month. Mr. Meacham thought that it would be a good plan to use this money for prize money. Mr. Meacham said he would add an extra dollar to it and give three prizes of three dollars, two dollars, and one dollar.

Mr. Meacham said he would give the prizes to the three boys who improved the most during the month, regardless of their previous record. I received second prize which was two dollars. I thank Mr. Grant very much for the prize. I am trying to get another prize.

Kenneth C. Caswell VI

Sodding

Usually on Friday or Saturday there is not much work to do in the Laundry. When we line-up we are given different tasks to do. The Instructor in charge this morning told me to get a sod cutter and wait for him at the south side of the dining room by the tulip bed. I was not there long when he came and gave me my instructions.

There was a bad place in the lawn where the sod had sunken in. I took the sod cutter and cut this all out and saved what sod there was for the border. I then lined out the border and laid a straight piece of sod even with the line. Finally I got the border finished, and commenced filling the place I took the sod from with fresh soil. I seeded this place with grass seed and rolled it down even with the lawn.

Henry E. Hallman IV

Planting Potatoes

One morning when the farm line reported to the farm instructor, he dispatched some of the boys to regular work in the barn and the remainder of us went to the North End.

When we arrived some of the boys cut potatoes, two spread fertilizer with the spreader, two more worked on the horse hoe and the remainder took buckets and filled them with potatoes and placed them about fifteen inches apart in the furrow made by the horse hoe. They were then covered up and the job was finished.

George G. Hamilton IV

Taking off Blankets

We have three blankets on our beds in the Dormitory, two are army blankets and the other is a cotton blanket. Recently we took off the cotton ones and sent them over to the Laundry to have them washed. When they came back we took them up to the East Loft and got a big chest and put newspapers in side and along the sides. We then put mothballs in the blankets and put four blankets on the bottom. We then took newspapers and laid them on top and did the same again till we had them all in. We put newspapers inside because the moths do not like ink.

Howard W. Sanborn V

First Fishing of the Season

Last Saturday another boy and I asked the Supervisor if there would be any fishing that afternoon. He said that if there were enough boys who wished to go there would be. We then secured a list

of about ten boys who had lines, could swim, and wanted to go.

Apparently it was not a good day for fishing, as only a few crabs and quite a few scullies were pulled in. Scullies are useless for anything but bait.

After four hours of fishing all I caught was one little crab.

Eugene R. Lurchin III

Patriots Day

Thursday, April 19th. about seventy boys including the band went over town to parade.

When we landed at City Point we lined up and marched to the car tracks. A special car came and took us to where the parade was to start at Columbus Ave. There were several other bands. Finally attention sounded and the parade started. We marched to Boston Common, making three stops on the way. After all the bands were assembled on Boston Common we resumed our march. Each band in turn passed before Mayor Nichols who was on the reviewing stand. Then we went back to our car, City Point, and our Island.

In all we had a very happy afternoon.

Roger L. Holton III

Transplanting Flowers

Recently I have been transplanting flowers from hot beds into gardens. I have transplanted a large bed of garden daisies, asters and wall flowers.

I have still some dianthus, zinnias, wall flower and some more asters to transplant. I like garden work very much.

I take care of the school gardens, they are on the East side of the Island.

Gordon L. Whalen III

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

WALTER D. NORWOOD'S, '05, latest address is 43 Kent Street, Brookline, Mass. WALTER is still in the automobile business as a Graham-Paige Salesman.

CARL L. WITTIG, '05, is living at 8 Glade Avenue, Jamaica Plain. He is in the automobile business with the T. D. Baker Company.

WARREN F. NOYES, '19, is employed by the Blue Diamond Material Company, Malden, Mass. His address is 40 Lincoln St., Malden, Mass.

SAMUEL S. WHITEHEAD, '23, is a Laboratory tester, employed by the Warren Brothers, Road Builders. SAMUEL is a member of the Order of Sir Galahad. He has twice been King of this order of Trinity church. His address is 109 Petersboro St., Boston, Mass.

CHESTER W. BUCHAN, '21, is a music salesman with the Boston Music Company at 116 Bolyston Street, Boston, Mass. His address is 107 Norfolk St. Cambridge, Mass.

JOHN E. ROBERTSON, '00, is 1st. Mate on the Robert E. Hopkins an oil tanker connected with the Tidewater Oil Company. He is running between New York and San Francisco.

ALBERT H. LADD, '02, is doing carpentry work at Raymond's store in Boston. His address is 3318 Washington Street, Roslindale, Mass.

HERBET ANTELL, '19, is playing 1st. cornet in the U. S. Navy Band on board the Arkansas.

A number of requests have been made for information concerning the activities the School Band away from the School. In the future when the Band has engagements that would be interesting to the Alumni, a card will be sent notifying you.



Submarines

Quite a few of the boys are getting interested in making toy submarines that will go under the water for quite a distance. A boy named Howard Walker who is always making some kind of a mechanical toy has the largest submarine in the school, propelled by an ingenious arrangement of rubber bands.

On May 19th he took his submarine down to the Wharf to see how it would go. He wound it up and put it in the water and it sank to the bottom because the keel was too heavy, so he had to get a stick to lift it up. When he got it up again he took a little off the keel. When it was ready again he wound it up and it went fine. A little later we noticed that the tide was getting low, so we went down a little farther. We tied a string on it and wound it up then let it go out as far as it could. We all got so interested we forgot all about our fishing lines which we were tending.

Wendell J. Combie V

"Never hit unless you need to; but when you do hit, hit hard." SELECTED



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Memorial Sunday

Each year it is the custom of our school to hold a Memorial Service the Sunday before Memorial Day. We go to our cemetery which is located at the South End of our Island. This year it came on May 27. About ten o'clock the Band and School marched over to the cemetery. The Band played for the marching.

Theodore L. Vitty, Mayor of Cottage Row had charge of the program.

The program was as follows:

HYMN America
Band and School

INVOCATION
Mr. Wallace

MAYOR'S ADDRESS
Theodore L. Vitty

RECITATION Memorial Day
Henry M. Caswell

HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy
School

RECITATION The Blue and the Gray
Robert H. Erwin

RECITATION The Great Gray Ships Come In
Kenneth P. Van Meter

HYMN Rock of Ages
Brass Quartet and School

RECITATION In Other Fields
Frank J. Dow

RECITATION Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
Darwin Chapdelaine

RECITATION Crossing the Bar
Ralph W. Milliken

SELECTION Our Illustrious Dead
Band

REMARKS
Mr. Meacham

DECORATION OF GRAVES

ROLL CALL AND TAPS

HYMN Abide with Me
School

After the exercises the School and Band marched back to the Main Building. It was a very impressive service.

Henry M. Caswell IV

Painting the "Winslow"

Every fall the "Winslow," which is a gasoline boat is put on the beach and covered up for the winter. In the spring it is uncovered, scraped and scrubbed, and made ready for painting.

The painting of the boat is quite important, especially the water line which must be sharp and straight. This year the exterior was painted white, with a green bottom. Three coats of white paint, and two of green were used. The interior was painted buff with a gray floor. Two coats of each paint were used. After it is painted it is launched and the engine installed.

During the summer the boat makes a beautiful picture as it speeds along on the water.

William H. Thompson II

Repairs to Boats and Equipment

Each spring the School has many extensive repairs to make on the floating equipment.

All the boats have to be painted or scraped, new lines put up, and the winter sheathing removed from the hull of the Steamer. Both the north and south side floats have been repaired recently. They were tarred, and barrells put under them for bouyancy. The cleats were also made more secure.

The launch, "Winslow," has been scraped and varnished on the inside, and painted on both inside and outside. A new cover for it has been purchased by the School and its engine is being repaired in town.

The scow John Alden, which was put up on the beach late last fall, had to be repaired quite extensively. The beams had to be filled with oakum and covered with putty. The scow was also painted inside and out. New cleats were fastened on, and part of the bow deck repaired. Both gangways were quite badly damaged when the floats were being moved. The hand rails and floors had to be painted and new rails put on. New chains were bought and put on our floats to hold them more secure.

Thus far the sheathing has not been removed from the hull of the steamer.

The steamer, Pilgrim, as it is being used constantly, has not been put up on blocks and painted as yet, although the cabin has been stained on the outside and the pilot house varnished on the inside.

As soon as the launch is put into the water the steamer will be able to go up on blocks and the necessary repairs and painting done. There hasn't been much repairing of the row boats yet. The swimming float is in good condition and will not need to be repaired.

Howitt R. Warren II

Mosquito Inspecting

From our location near the water the mosquito is a troublesome pest during the Summer.

Every year we have a group of mosquito inspectors who oil and care for all ditches or low lands where water is apt to collect and breed mosquitoes.

We started about two weeks ago to oil and if possible dry up all ditches so as not to be bothered by the mosquitoes this summer.

Mosquitoes are first small wigglers which come up to the surface of the dirty water to get air. By oiling the ditches a thick substance is formed on the surface of the water. The wiggler cannot get up through it to get air. Each mosquito lays from four to five hundred eggs, and when they grow in about twenty-five to thirty days they lay just as many more eggs. You can imagine what a time we would have if we didn't have some method in which to do away with mosquitoes.

Allen B. Scott III

Two Clever Tricks

Our Supervisor bought a horse last winter for the purpose of riding and general recreation. His name is "Buster" and he is kept in a box stall. There was a pin and staple arrangement to keep the door closed. He soon learned however, how to open his door and it was a frequent sight to see him open his door and go and get a drink. One Sunday after church when the band was playing on the lawn we noticed "Buster" running around the orchard. The boy that takes care of him ran down and tried to call him or chase him into the barn but he would rather roll on the grass than stand in his stall so he wouldn't go in the barn until he was ready to go.

We also have a draft horse called

'Jerry' owned by the School. They used to keep him in a stall with a rope and halter, but he learned how to get out of a halter and went to the oat box.

Luckily "Buster" has not taken a liking to "Jerry's" favorite pastime.

Ramsey C. Allen III

Planting Flower Seeds

About a week or two ago we were given a few packages of seeds to plant in our flower garden.

We planted the seeds four or five days ago. It is fun to watch them grow. First two little buds appear; they change to leaves and grow larger and larger until the flower blooms.

We hope to have good gardens by next Friends' Day.

Richard L. Henderson VI

The First Baseball Game

The first baseball game of the season of 1928 was played on Saturday May 6, between Teams C and D. Team C is captained by Warren N. Pratt, and Team D is captained by Theodore L. Vitty.

As this was the first game of the season the teams were not very well organized and did not play well together.

Team D got an early lead and kept it to the end of the game. The score was 17-4 in favor of Team D.

Almon H. Whitmore III

A New Prize

A new friend of the school has offered three prizes at the end of each month for the three boys who have improved the most during that time.

That gives a fourth grade boy as much of a chance as a first grade boy.

At the end of each month after Grade Reading the Instructors vote for the three boys who they think have shown the most

improvement in all around conduct. The prizes were given for the first time at the end of April.

We are all trying to improve.

Ernest S. Armstrong V

Planting Corn

One day last week one of the Farm Instructors and I started planting corn. We got the corn planter, and the team ready, and loaded ten bags of fertilizer on the team. I got the horse ready and then hitched him to the team.

When we got over to the field, we set up the planter. The first thing we did was to put some corn in the boxes and then fill the fertilizer tin.

The fertilizer is put in the soil to help make the plant grow and also make the soil rich and fertile. The width between the rows is about two feet.

When the seed and the fertilizer were in the ground a wheel, which is a part of the machinery, covered them with soil.

We hope to have plenty of corn this year.

Leslie W. Brown III



The boys enjoyed their first swimming of the season on May 27.

Our Band won second place in their class at the annual school band contest a part of the yearly New England Music Festival, conducted this year in the Commonwealth Armory. Special mention was also given our boys on their deportment, marching and uniform.

Early in the spring the continued cold weather and rain caused the farm work to lapse. With the advent of better weather progress was made. At this time the crops are all planted, and we are expecting a most prosperous year.

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The writer of the editorials in the Beacon often wonders if this page isn't like the preface of a book. "A necessary and ever present part but seldom if ever read." Of course it would not be ethical to ask

the readers of the Beacon whether you read this page. Quite likely they would courteously answer that they did. On a smaller scale, it is similar to the uncertain audience of a radio station. Six or seven years ago the radio listener was so proud and excited because he had been able to get a station on his "set" that he used every opportunity to tell not only the broadcasting station but every friend and acquaintance about the marvelous results attained on his "set." Now it is impossible for a station to know who, where, or how many are interested in its program.

Probably if gross errors or "cutting remarks" should be written into this page there might be a few protests but even these devices would not show the number of readers nor what they would like in editorials. If we could have a political convention: Cal. Coolidge; our own graduate, the great Marathon Champion. Clarence DeMar, in a national race; Graduate "Big Brother" Bob Emery with his band of Joy Spreaders broadcasting from Thompson's Island; or a Dempsey-Tunney fight; we would then be able to appeal to the public in terms which would interest them. Any one of these events on Thompson's Island would set forth this great school in glowing terms. It would definitely impress the people of Boston, Massachusetts, New England, and even the whole country and they would realize the service The Farm and Trades School is rendering to society.

We would have opportunity to tell the world that this is a great and venerable private school, a school which has been a pioneer in many educational features. It

has never copied any other school and by its nature and location is itself impossible to be copied. There is no school greater, more valuable, nor giving a more thorough course of education and vocational training than our own Farm and Trades School. Its size is limited, only because there are not adequate finances to expand it. The cause is great, the need is eminent. A thousand students could readily be enrolled within a few months and the value of this superior institution, school, home, church, would thus be multiplied by ten. Lack of funds is the only limiting factor.

We hope the time will soon come when The Farm and Trades School can expand. Not because it will be easier to write appealing editorials but because it will offer opportunity for a bigger service to society and the vast number of good boys who need this opportunity but must be continually refused admission because there is "no room." The other 92 per cent of boys must continue to walk the streets unsupervised and grow to manhood fitting into society wherever their meagre training permits them.

Topics in Brief

On May 6, the Band accepted an invitation to play before the Brotherhood of Tremont Temple. The Superintendent had an opportunity to briefly describe the School. Clarence DeMar one of our graduates, and noted as America's Marathon Champion, also addressed the Brotherhood. The meeting brought great credit to the School. The program was broadcast by Station WSSH of Boston.

The baseball season is now under way

and some of our regular scheduled games have been played. The four teams are captained by Howitt R. Warren. Arthur C. Brown, Warren N. Pratt, Theodore L. Vitty.

In connection with the mentioning of baseball it might interest our readers to know our method of athletics. The boys elect four players to act as captains of the teams. These captains choose their teams, every boy being on some one team. A regular schedule is played to determine the championship team. At the end of the season a silver shield is awarded the championship team, and silver cups are given each player who excels in his position. These trophies are given to the boys by Managers S. V. R. Crosby and Philip S. Sears.

Mr. Charles Russell, '00, overhauled our steamer engine and boiler on May 3. Mr. Russell, who was the first engineer on the Pilgrim in 1900, has been coming here regularly to keep our steamer in condition.

The Annual Spring Meeting of the Alumni Association took place May 9. Elwin C. Bemis, '16, attended from the School. Detailed information pertaining to the meeting may be found on the Alumni page.

Our annual track meet on Memorial Day was a great success. The team captained by Cecil A. Morse won the majority of the points for the day. In the evening everyone enjoyed a supper on the beach.

Our yearly supply of coal came this month. We use six hundred tons of coal each year.

Appropriate Sunday Memorial services at our cemetery were conducted by Theodore L. Vitty, Mayor of Cottage Row.

May Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 68° on the third and thirty-first.

Minimum Temperature 30° on the fourteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 43

5 days with .01 or more inches precipitation, ten clear days, six partly cloudy, ten cloudy.

NOTE

Our Observatory daily displays the Government weather flags.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, May 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

Tuesday 7th. Report for April submitted. Boys in school ninety-eight.

Wednesday 8th. A nice day and well improved by us all. Planted potatoes, plowed, cultivated, carted, wrought on strawberry bed, etc.

Thursday 9th. Sheared the sheep. Plowed went to city.

Friday 10th. Mr. Hutchinson here at work on the steamer's cabin. Mr. Lothrop whitewashing. Walter B. Foster returned from a visit home. He was allowed to go home on account of his health. After having the dyptheria he did not recruit well at all. The change has done him good.

Calender 50 Years Ago, May 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

23rd. Charles Foster taken away by his mother. She would neither surrender him to The Farm School nor pay his board, and consequently was obliged to take him away.

The friends of the boys visited them for the first time this season, in the Steamboat Gen. Lincoln. There were nearly

200 present including some invited company. The day was pleasant and the meeting between the boys and those who came to visit them were most joyful.

31. We have had religious services on three sabbaths of this month by the following gentlemen: Rev. Mr. Connolly, of S. Boston, and Messrs. Stedman, and Thwing--city missionaries.

Sixth Class Program

Recently the Sixth Class gave the usual Grade Reading program. First a piece was recited by Richard Henderson called, "The Watermelon Season." The second was a play called, "The All American Eleven," in which twelve boys took part in costume. The characters were as follows:

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| Football Boy, | Richard Crowley, Capt. |
| Baseball Boy, | Walter Pratt |
| Tennis Boy, | Donald Wright |
| Messenger Boy, | Aaron Mellor |
| Office Boy, | Wallace Allen |
| Country Boy, | Neil Berboth |
| Chinese Boy, | Paul Hamilton |
| Jewish Boy, | Dexter Woodman |
| Indian Boy, | Clyde Albee |
| Negro Boy, | Richard Henderson |
| Irish Boy | Everett Bowlby |
| Trainer, | Harry Cole |
| Announcer, | Paul Hamilton |

I think everybody enjoyed the program.

Paul L. Hamilton VI

Our Bulletin Board

In our Assembly Room we have a bulletin board which is made from a sheet of cork framed. It is about one foot ten inches wide by two feet three and one half inches high.

This bulletin board is continually in use. Notices, newspaper clippings, items of interest and other general information is posted on the board.

Arthur E. Whitten V

Power House Notes

There are many people who know of our School, but only a small number realize the wonderful opportunities which we boys have here.

For instance, in our power plant where I work, we are able to study steam engineering under the best of conditions.

Our main source of power is a fifty horse power Ames Engine, which supplies light and power through a direct current generator. This engine is run by a ninety horse power return tubular steam boiler which supplies steam for our steam laundry and for radiators in various places. It also supplies steam for cooking and our hot water system.

As in all engine and boiler rooms we have a number of tools that the boys learn to use. There are also the fittings of the boiler and heating system, such as water columns and glasses, steam traps and separators, steam pumps, inspirators, feed water heaters. There is, of course, much more equipment which we use and learn about. Under excellent instruction we make repairs on our equipment whenever necessary.

Here, as in most other places the engineer does the piping, steam fitting, repairing of electric lines, and much more. We assist the engineer with this work and are taught how to make the repairs.

You can realize from reading this brief article some of the wonderful opportunities we have in our power plant, —there are many more.

Roy V. Towne III

Billy Gets a Hair Cut

In our group at this school one of the youngest members is Billy Meacham who is five years old. He is very large for his age, very bright, and full of action.

When he came to the Island he had a

Dutch Cut, but about a month ago his mother thought he should have a hair cut like the other boys have. Mr. Bemis started the job and in a very few minutes the job was completed.

Billy now looks very much like the other boys.

Carl P. Herman II

Putting New Grates in the "Pilgrim"

A short time ago new grates were purchased for our steamer and another boy and I installed them in the firebox. We first removed the fire from the firebox so as to cool the boiler. This was done by hoeing the hot coals from the firebox into the ashpit. This was done after supper.

At four o'clock the next morning we went to the boat accompanied by our Instructor. We took materials with us to build a fire after we got the new grates in place.

When we reached the boat we found that our Instructor had the old grates out and everything ready for the installation of the new ones. This was done more easily than I thought. One boy entered the firebox and placed the grates, which we handed him, in the proper place. It did not take us long to put the grates in place.

This job completed, we filled the boiler with water and made a fire. We had enough steam to make a trip at half past seven.

Roger L. Holton III

Habit

I think the verse which follows is very good. It was printed in a magazine.

"Habit is a cord so slight

You cannot feel it touch;

And yet a cable of such strength,

That when your in it's clutch,

Though you may struggle day by day,

You'll find it hard to break away."

There are three other verses.

Frank J. Dow III

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, President

MARTIN ROAD, MILTON

AUGUSTUS N. DOE, '75, Treasurer
WELLESLEY

ALFRED C. MALM, '00, Vice-President

MELROSE

ELWIN C. BEMIS, '16, Secretary

THOMPSON'S ISLAND

CLIFTON E. ALBEE, '21, Historian
THOMPSON'S ISLAND

Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

Annual Spring Meeting

The semi-annual meeting of the Association held in May brought out an attendance of 24 members. This is a very fine attendance for this meeting. President Ellis called the meeting to order at 8.00 o'clock. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Announcement was made of the condition of the Alumni Fund and plans were discussed for getting more contributions. Plans for the Field Day were announced. This year the Day will be held on the 18th of June. The Boat will leave the Public Landing at 10:30 and will return about 5:30. The Secretary brought greetings from the School and told of the recent activities. The meeting was voted closed at 9:30.

Those present included the following members;

Bemis, Elwin C., '16
Buchan, Chester W., '21
Capaul, Edward, '05
Crosby, Hildreth R., '26
Cross, William B., '17
Davis, Will F., '79
Doe, Augustus N., '75
Ellis, Merton P., '97
McQuesten, Raymond H., '25
Moore, Edward A., '79
Norby, Clarence O., '13
Norwood, Walter D., '05
Noyes, Warren F., '19
Poole, George O., '27
Scott, James B., '23
Schippers, John H., '21
Suarez, Nichols M., '19
Swan, Ralph I., '27

Thayer, Fred P., '03
Thompson, Robert F., '22
Unwin, Lawrence T., '20
Walker, William E., '04
Whitehead, Samuel L., '23
Wittig, Carl L., '05



Going to the Dentist

One Saturday I was one of a group who was told to get ready for town. We knew that we were going to the dentist. We changed into our uniforms and went to City Point where we took the trolley to the dentist's office.

He soon commenced to take care of us. I was the fourth in turn. He told me that I would have to have one tooth pulled, but changed his mind and decided to fill it. My teeth are all in good condition now.

John W. Russell II

My Night's Work

After the line-up Forrest Haskell and I water the lawn seed which has just been planted. We have several watering cans which we fill and take to the plot next to the barn which is the first one we water.

After we are finished here we water several other places. We also water new sod which has been laid on the edges of the lawns. We have a number of large lawns and we try to keep them looking as nicely as possible.

Lloyd W. Blanchard V

"Not on the heights, -but climbing." Class motto,
F. T. S. '28.



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THE MAIN BUILDING

Situated on Mansion Hill, this grand old building is loved and revered by all loyal alumni. It was designed by Bulfinch and erected in 1833.

The Spirit of the Alumni

"My success is all due to my training at the School."

A graduate of 1850

"The happiest days of my life were those spent on Thompson's Island."

A graduate of 1885

"This is a wonderful placeWhat more could a boy want?"

A graduate of 1922

"I can never thank you enough, Mother, for sending me to this School."

A member of the Class of 1929

Greetings to the Alumni of F. T. S.



Group here at the Annual Field Day on June 17

The Alumni Field Day

The Annual Field Day held at the School on June 18, was attended by 130 members and their families. The weather was fine, and the day was one of those ideal June days. After a delightful sail across the bay we were met on the Wharf and escorted to the South Lawn by the Superintendent and Band. Superintendent Meacham extended best wishes and gave a brief review of the years work. A collection was taken which amounted to \$40.

After disbanding not much time was lost in getting to the North Lawn where lunches were opened and the business of feasting in order. Waiters in white coats were scurrying here and there with hot coffee, milk, and the other things, satisfying the needs of everyone.

The picnic over, a short walk brought us to the playgrounds where an enthusiastic game of ball was being played by the married men and those not so fortunate.

The single folks defeated the married people 24-13. This was probably one of our best Alumni Day ball games.

At this time the boys of the School were presenting a most interesting program of games and contests. Stimulation was made by the awarding of cash prizes. This program was under the direction of Merton P. Ellis '97, Elwin C. Bemis '16, and Walter Robertson. The success of the games was most apparent, and great credit should be given to Mr. Robertson who kept things moving with snap and precision. Particularly vivid and impressive was the pie race. This race is both a feast and a contest. The only requisite for this race is a nice juicy, blueberry pie, made very palatable. The difficulty seems to be the lack of pies, for there are always more contenders than there are pies. The race takes the form of a kneeling boy with hands behind his back, bending over and eating a blueberry pie with nothing but his mouth as a device for conveying same. Strange things and sights attract mirth and

amusement, especially the contortions which one must pass through. Three prizes were given; for the one finishing first, for the one cleaning his plate the best, and for the one presenting the dirtiest face.

Excitement runs riot to the uninitiated when one's attention is called to a huge pile of boys all seemingly jumping on top of one or another. Closer inspection finds a large supply of peanuts on the bottom, the result of a "scramble".

With the games over many of us turned toward the Assembly Hall where the strains of rhythmic music were inviting us to dance. The music will be remembered for its harmonic beauty. The orchestra was under the direction of Clifton E. Albee, '21, other members, were Daniel E. Smith, '20, Richard H. Hanson, '21, Leo S. Whitehead, '23, Carl H. Kuphal, '23, John A. Arkerson, '27, Benjamin Mende, '29, and Roger L. Holton, '30. Leo S. Whitehead, '23, entertained during the dance with vocal selections.

Time for the departure arrived all too soon and as we trudged our way to the boat we could not help but feel that the day was a most delightful one in every way.

The members, with their families and friends are listed below:

Albee, Clifton E. '21

Alcott, William and Mrs. '84

Miss Louise M. Alcott

Miss Marion D. Alcott

Miss Constance Moore

Mrs. P. C. Veazie

Angell, Albert

Anderson, William F. '25

Arkerson, John A. '27

Mr. and Mrs. William Arkerson

Austin, Frederick, '26

Bemis, Elwin C. '16

Blakemore, Edric B. '12

Blantner Robert B. '97

Bradley, Mrs. Mary C.

Charles H. Bradley 3rd

Miss Nellie B. Brewster

Brasher, Sherman G. '77

James H. Brasher

Mrs. Ida M. Bennett

Mrs. Jane Murch

Buchan, Chester W. '21

Carr, Roger ex '30

Costello, Howard S. '27

Davis, W. Frank and Mrs.

Miss Alice Bell

Mrs. George H. Crowell

Herbert Smith

Dudley, Herbert L. '16

Dudley, Robert L. '16

Dunshee, Robert J. '27

Ekegren, E. H. and Mrs.

Former Instructors

Ellis, Merton P. and Mrs. '97

Mrs. Marion F. Hewitson

Fearing, Arthur D. and Mrs. '84

Gilbert, Ralph H. '16

Miss Helen Harris

George Harris Jr.

Gilchrist Henry E. '26

Gould, Webster S. '18

Gove, Herbert E. '26

Graham, James H. '79

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson

Miss Edith M. Robertson

Louise and Edith Robertson

Hall Thomas A. '27

Hall, William M. '27

Miss Doris Long

Hanson, Richard H. '21

Hartman, George K. and Mrs. '75

Miss Marion Hill

Herman, Walter and Mrs. '79

Mrs. Alice G. McConnell

Hobson, Clarence P. '25

Miss Mildred Clarkson

Miss Dorothy Erwin

Hobson, Jack H. '27

Miss Virginia LeMay

Howard, Otis M. '67

Hughes, James E. '27

Kuphal, Carl H. '25

Laighton, Daniel W. '01

Larson, G. George and Mrs. '17

Libby, James M. '26

Lloyd, Ross S. '27

Long, David E. '22

Long, William J. Ex. '28

Richard H. Long

John McGovern

Mrs. P. Thatcher

Miss Barbara Berwick
 Loud, Clarence W. and Mrs. '96
 Miss Edith Loud
 Miss Ruth Loud
 C. W. Loud, Jr.
 Mrs. Walter F. Sisson
 MacLeod, George B. '17
 Mr. and Mrs. C. Taylor
 Marshall, Earle C. and Mrs. '10
 Earle C. Marshall, Jr.
 Barbara Marshall
 McKay, Robert '05
 McQuesten, Raymond H. '25
 Morse, Harold D. '12
 Harold D. Morse Jr.
 Betty W. Morse
 Robert B. Morse
 Moss, Norman '20
 Wilfred Morse
 Murdock, Bernard and Mrs. '11
 Bernard F. Murdock Jr.
 Norrby, Clarence O. '13
 Poole, George O. '27
 Miss E. Irene Poole
 Pratt, Albert E. and Mrs. '99
 Reeves, Lewis S.
 Rolfe, Charles O. and Mrs. '15
 Charles O. Rolfe Jr.
 Albert J. Rolfe
 Miriam P. Rolfe
 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vallier
 Schippers, John H. '21
 Shaw, Charles C. '22
 Smith, Daniel E. '20
 Smith, Frederick A. and Mrs. '16
 Smith, Willis M. '22
 Suarez, Nicholas M. '19
 Thomas, Raymond '26
 Thompson, Robert F. '22
 Tinkham, Miss Fannie L.
 Former Instructor
 VanMeter, Robert F. '26
 Wasson, Joseph G. '26
 Whitehead, Leo S. '23
 Winmill, Ivers E. '25
 Miss Elizabeth Winmill
 Wyatt, Norman R. '16
 Total 137

Calendar 25 Years Ago June 1903

As kept by the Beacon

- 1st Finished unloading coal.
 3rd Three men from the Water Com-

missioner's office here getting data.

4th Extremely smokey on account of the forest fires which are raging.

7th The Verdi Orchestra gave a concert at 3 P. M. They were assisted by Miss Adelaide Gaeggs, Contralto of Park Street Church.

8th Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Frost of Milwaukee, Wisconsin visited the school.

9th Rev. T. Namae of Japan returned to spend a few days.

10th Visiting Day. 174 present.

13th First strawberries from the garden.

14th Rev. James Huxtable here accompanied by Mr. Archibald H. Grimke who spoke very interestingly on William Lloyd Garrison and Wendell Phillips.

16th Ploughed for late barley.

Graduation exercises began at 2:30 P. M.

The Rev. Edward Cummings addressed the class.

Secretary Tucker Daland and Manager Henry S. Grew were present.

Clarence DeMar received the scholarship prize, a gold medal from the Alumni Association, presented by the President, Alden B. Hefler.

Graduate Clarence W. Loud was also present.

Dr. Frank E. Allard, a former teacher here, presented money prizes to the three boys who had stood the highest in the study of United States history for the past year. The recipients were, first, Frank S. Miley, \$12.00; second, Joseph E. K. Robblee, \$8.00 third, Walter D. Norwood, \$5.00.

17th First green peas from the garden

A lot of books received from Mr. James M. Gleason.

A game of baseball between the graduates and home team resulted in a score 45 to 7 in favor of the School team.

Graduates present were William Austin, Joseph A. Carr, John J. Conklin, Ernest Curly, Dana Currier, Edward L. Davis, George E. Hart, Frank W. Harris, Albert H. Ladd, Harry H. Leonard, John A. Lundgren, Carl A. H. Malm, Clifford M. Pulson, Chester O. Sanborn, Charles F. Spear, William D. Warren, and Samuel A. Waycott.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, June 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

4th Report for May submitted. Number of boys in school at last report ninety-eight. Now one hundred.

Admitted Jas. L. Moore and M. R. Larewell.

Mr. Lyman came with me from the city P. M.

14th The second visiting day.

Bert Lyman, Managers Blanchard, Deblois, Homans, and Storer were here. Mr. Deblois remained over. The teachers went up on the boat.

16th Mr. S. A. Ackers and E. S. Tobey-Postmaster came this P. M. Mr. Tobey addressed the boys very finely.

23rd A lovely day. Reverend Mr. Herrick with wife and daughter and Mr. S. A. Ackers came in P. M. and Mr. H. talked to the boys in a most happy manner. We all enjoyed them very much. Such changes are good for us.

25th Went to city in the morn to get supplies, and went in the afternoon to get Managers Lyman, Bowditch, and Deblois who came to arrange about books for the school. They arrived at 3:20 directly attended to books, looked about farm and returned to city at sundown, landing at Liverpool Wharf. One arrived home at 9:45 having had a busy day of it.

26th I took a scow load of hay to the carstables at City Point at 7 A. M. Came back and took second load at 9:40. (In the days of horse cars.) Mr. Plaistead

came to give drawing lesson.

28th An excellent hay day. A large amount of hay was taken into the barn.

Mr. J. R. Morse went to the exhibition of the Everett School, taking the band with him.

29th This has been a successful week for haymakes. One of our cows "Jennie Lind" died leaving calf one day old.

Went to city with the boat. Dr. B. Codman came home with us.

30th Very warm. Dr. Codman addressed the school all day. Subject in A. M. "Law," in P. M. Sketch of the life of St. Paul, written by Dr. Codman while in Rome.

Calender 75 Years Ago, May 1853

As Kept by the Superintendent

1st Five carpenters commenced work on the barn and hog-house.

3rd Mr. Fanning with his son-in-law came to see his two sons.

4th William I. Smith was admitted.

5th Mr. Thompson read a discourse to the school.

7th Jesse Bind Esq. visited the institution; also John J. Withers.

9th Mr. French was well enough to return to the school.

12th Mr. Caleb Davis Bradlee of Boston addressed the boys.

15th Raised new flag-staff. Sunday

19th Mr. Thompson read a discourse to the school.

21st Completed the flagstaff with three cheers from the boys.

22nd The third monthly visit took place today. Present Messrs. M. Grand, G. H. Kuhn, S. G. Deblois, G. Deblois, and Storer of the Board of Managers. Mr. John A. Lampney left on a visit to N. H.

23rd Thomas M. Lamper returned home to his mother in Boston.

24th William Lawrence went to live

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The Constellation Ride

For a number of years Mr. Herbert M. Sears has extended an invitation to the school for a sail in his two masted auxiliary schooner-yacht, "Constellation." This yacht was formerly the flagship of the Eastern Yacht Club.

This year the excursion took place on June 13. About ten o'clock our launch the "Winslow" took the boys and a number of the Instructors to the yacht, which was anchored a short distance from our wharf. Upon boarding the yacht we were greeted by Mr. Sears and his brother, Mr. Philip S. Sears, who is one of the managers of this school.

It was not long before the yacht began to move. The boys were eagerly interested in the work of the sailors and watched the work on the sails and anchors which was done to get the boat under way.

The boat sailed down the harbor and most of the principal islands were seen. The yacht passed Long Island, Spectacle Island, Deer Island and of course, several of the smaller islands. Both on the way down and on the way back many large vessels were passed which proved most interesting to the boys.

About one o'clock the boat was at anchor off our Island. At this time lunch was served, consisting of sandwiches, lemonade, ice cream and cake. Upon leaving for the Island each boy was given a box of chocolates.

This trip is eagerly anticipated by the boys and is greatly enjoyed. It is really a wonderful thing that Mr. Sears does, the giving up of two or three days in June and bringing his boat here from Marblehead so that the boys may have the ride. Mr. Sears may well feel his generous act is fully appreciated by all who are connected with the school.

The Graduation Dance

The Graduation Dance took place this year on June eleventh. The name does not exactly state the true nature of the occasion. The dance is really a reception tendered to the graduating class by the second class. In 1924 the form of the present dance was inaugurated.

The boys began to get ready for their dance about two weeks prior to its observance. The hall was artistically decorated with the school colors, banners, and the usual cosy corners. A program had been printed by the boys, and all details of the dance had been well arranged. All who attended the affair thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The dance opened with a grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. Meacham, after which followed twenty dances composed mainly of fox trots and waltzes. Perhaps the most amusing dance of the evening was the tag fox trot, a dance which permitted anyone to select his partner at any time during the dance by merely tagging the partner desired. If one cared to dance with all present at a dance the tag dance would prove of great assistance.

During the intermission ice cream, cookies and fruit punch was served. At this time President Warren of the Second Class thanked Mr. Meacham for the privilege of the dance and extended his congratulations to all who had a part in the undertaking.

The officers of the Class of 1929, which gave the dance include Howitt R. Warren President, Arthur C. Brown, Vice-President; John A. Paley, Secretary and Treasurer; and Henry A. Schramm Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. The members of the entertainment committee are Harold E. Floyd, Nelson W. Pratt, Carl P. Herman, and George A. Taylor.

The Baccalaureate Service

On Sunday June 10, the Graduating Class heard their Baccalaureate Sermon given by Rev. Howard A. Morton of the Philips Congregational Church of South Boston. Mr. Meacham, the teachers, several other Instructors, and about thirty boys from the other classes also attended the service.

The group left the Island shortly after nine o'clock and went direct to the church. Mr. Morton greeted the group and they were escorted to their seats. The organ prelude soon began and the congregation sang the opening hymn.

Mr. Morton's address was very good, and one from which all derived much good. His sermon dealt principally with the more important phases of life and how to meet them. The theme of his talk was "The Chapels of Life."

Another interesting feature of the service was the observance of Children's Day. Baptism was given a number of children. A Sunday School Class was awarded the prize for the winning of a Sunday School contest. Each member was presented a Bible.

The music, the quite and beauty of the church impressed our group very much. The observance of the special service for our Graduating Class and the listing of our class on the program was greatly appreciated.

The Class Ride

President Arthur Adams, as is his annual custom, invited the boys in our graduating class for an excursion on June the 15th, 1928. A trip was planned to

Provincetown for this occasion, but this was not possible because of the boat schedule. The Gloucester Bus Ride was the alternative.

The class, with three teachers and Superintendent Meacham and his family left the Island about nine o'clock. The bus awaited them at City Point and soon the trip was under way. At South Station President Adams joined the group. The trip through the city was extremely interesting, among the more interesting things seen were the Boston Navy Yard, the famous frigate, "Constitution," and the Bunker Hill Monument.

Boston was left behind and Chelsea was the next city. Revere Beach was passed, and Lynn was the next city. The Lynn marshes attracted considerable attention from our group. A small mill was seen there which had for its motive power the rise and fall of the tide.

Salem is perhaps one of most historical cities in New England. This city, which the group passed through was noted once for its witchery. At the present time it is a city which beckons travellers from far and near for its historical interest. The House of Seven Gables, Gallows Hill, Chestnut Street, with its doors of international fame, and other places of unusual historical interest were only a few of the many places visited. Our boys saw all these places and were naturally greatly concerned.

Gloucester was the next stopping place. This city is the home city of many well known men. The Gorton Codfish Company was visited and the process of work there was explained.

Marblehead was the next town visited. The original of the famous painting, the "Spirit of '76" was seen. It is placed in the town hall there. The auxilliary schooner-yacht, "Constellation," which

the boys are privileged to sail on each year was lying in Marblehead Harbor. At Marblehead the group stopped at a most attractive spot for lunch.

Swampscott was the next city which was visited. Hundreds of lobster traps dotted the water along the seashore here. Revere Beach was again seen; the party spent some time at the amusement places.

At six o'clock the PILGRIM was waiting for the group and the Island was soon reached. The day was certainly happy for all concerned and Mr. Adams may well feel that the trip was a treat for the graduates which will not be forgotten for some time.

The Managers of The Farm and Trades School.

The success or failure of our school is directly dependent upon our managers. The fact that the school has continually succeeded indicates the superior work which our managers have continued to do to maintain high standards for the school. The board of managers has been and is composed of a group of the most prominent men of Boston and vicinity.

During 114 years of this school there have been eleven presidents, namely, Samuel T. Armstrong, Jonathan Phillips, Theodore Lyman, Henry B. Rogers, J. Ingersoll Bowditch, Theodore Lyman, Jr., Charles P. Bowditch, Alexander S. Wheeler, Richard M. Saltonstall, Alfred Bowditch, and Arthur Adams.

The board of managers determines the policy of the school, authorizes all changes, and improvements, invests the permanent funds and raises additional money needed for current expenses and building, and through its officers and committees regulates every major activity of the school.

The managers meet monthly to receive the superintendent's report and act upon other business pertaining to the

school. Several committees meet at intervals during the year for various purposes within their power. The individual members of the board visit the school from time to time during the year to inspect the various departments and activities and to consult with the superintendent.

Annually the board of managers meet at the island for a regular monthly meeting at which time special consideration is given to major repairs and improvements.

Three graduates of the school are members of the board of managers, Thomas J. Evans '64, Walter B. Foster '78, and Alden B. Hefner '87. Mr. Evans is also a member of the advisory committee of the board. Mr. Foster is a member of the executive committee and a member of the committee on admission and graduation.

It is an important asset to the school to have these three graduates as members of the board of managers because of their ability to link up the school, alumni association, and the board of managers in a practical way. Their counsel is especially sought by the other members of the board because of their experience as boys at the school and because of their special active interest in the present activities of the school.

In addition to the regular duties and functions of the board of managers in their official capacity, each one in various ways does a great deal for the school. They give considerable amounts of money for regular and incidental expenses as well as provide various prizes and special opportunities to the boys. Because of the varied interests and contacts, they are able to continually assist the school in various unusual ways.

Every boy who is or has been a member of this school should be very grateful for the opportunities provided by this group of philanthropic men.

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dence. They called it the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys."

"The objects of this charity are to afford protection and support to destitute male orphans, and boys whose parents are unable to support them, and who would otherwise, not only be subject to the evils of poverty but remain exposed to scenes of depravity and vice. Such children, the society endeavors to instruct in the elements of education and to form their minds to those early habits of industry and diety which will prepare them for usefulness and respectability in mature years."

After the institution had been open for seventeen years, there were only two regulations, both of which relate to the religious instruction of the boys. For twenty-one years the Boston Asylum received and cared for boys. During this time, nearly two hundred boys had lived at the school. The house, at this time, was nearly one hundred and fifty years old, very dilapidated and much in need of repairs. The institution had reached a crisis when it was necessary either to rebuild on the same site or to move out of the city where more land could be obtained.

In 1832 the Boston Farm School Society was formed. The proposition of a Farm School grew out of the fact that the Boston Asylum took only orphans and could not give employment to its boys, while the House of Reformation took only boys who had been sentenced by the courts.

The committee appointed proceeded at once to make their plans and upon submitting them to the community, in a few months raised about \$29,000 for the school. In the spring of 1833 a few boys under the charge of Rev. E. M. P. Wells began work on the farm. Mr. Wells work-

"In the year 1813, several gentlemen formed a society for the relief and education of such boys as might be found destitute of parental and friendly superinten-

ed with the boys on the farm from April to October 1833 and kept a record of what they did. The first item in this journal dated Easter Monday, April 8, 1833 tells when the beginning was made.

"Desirous of commencing the operations of the future Farm School on so appropriate a day, Mr. Wells with Mr. Cook, Clough, Redmond, Davidson his wards, and formerly members of the H. R. came over to the Island and commenced what is hoped to be an endless chain of benevolent operations by prayers in the southeast front room of the Farm House, planting a white mulberry tree near the site of the future buildings and planting some potatoes. As there was a very violent gale they then returned. The crossing was very hazardous."

On the 6th of June, 1833, Mr. Wells with two assistants and fourteen boys moved to the Island permanently. During that first summer, the boys took care of the garden, the live stock, cut the hay and did the rest of the farm work. In addition, they drained the pond situated south of Mansion Hill on the east side of the Island and built a dike. On rainy days they did housework and attended school.

There was play for the boys as well as work. The record of the first play-day was June 21, 1833, when General Jackson arrived in Boston. On the Fourth of July, Mr. Wells took the boys to Fort Warren, Fort Independence, and Rainsford Island. Sometimes the boys went fishing. Under date of Wednesday July 10, 1833, is the record of the first visiting day. "Sent the boat up to bring down the parents and friends. first visiting day."

In October, 1833, the front projection, the back projection, and the southeast wing of the main building were completed and Mr. Chandler moved the rest of the

boys and their things to the Island and began his duties at the Farm School. For the following year and a half, Mr. Chandler and his family of boys farmed on pleasant days and did the housework and studied on rainy days. Occasionally, days for play and the regular visiting days helped to lighten the regular work.

In 1834 the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys found its buildings on Salem Street were so much decayed as to need very extensive repairs; and at the same time the Farm School had run short of funds, and was unwilling to appeal again to the public in a season of commercial depression. The union of the two bodies was not a new idea; their object was nearly identical, the Asylum looked with longing eyes on the salubrious site in the harbor, where the possession of a farm would extend its usefulness; and many who were interested in both societies believed that they would do more effective work together. Accordingly on March 5, 1835, the legislature granted an act of incorporation creating the Boston Asylum and Farm School for Indigent Boys.

Among other interesting records a statement at about this time read as follows: "A large number of mulberry trees have been planted on the Island and there are many silk worms at the establishment. It is contemplated to improve the advantages of the location in the production of raw silk for manufacture."

Mr. Chandler, who was superintendent from October 1833 until April 1839 adopted a set of rules for the internal regulations of the Farm School. These were rather strict but throw some light on the manner in which the boys were educated in those days. They were not allowed to talk when in the dining room or when working. They marched in double file

without speaking from one part of the Island to another. In order to carry out these rules, he found it necessary to finish a room in the attic of the main building which he called the "prison." The most common offence was swearing. In order to serve as an incentive to good conduct, he divided the boys into four grades, each of which had special privileges. Each month the boys were re-graded according to their conduct of the previous month.

The number of boys increased during the early years from about forty to one hundred.

Previous to 1881 work on the farm and in the house was the only form of work the boys did. In 1881 Gardner Hall was erected to provide a place for the instruction of some of the trades.

One of the distinctive features of the Farm School, the band, was started at an early date. The first band was the comb and string band of 1857-8 consisting of a dozen combs and string players and three violin players. Later a bass fiddle, a sax-horn, a cornepean, and a small drum were added. In 1858-9 a small set of second-hand brass instruments were hired for the purpose of training a regular brass band. The band was under the special care of the Principal, Mr. John R. Morse, but the teacher came once a month.

Thus, through the years our school has gradually developed, continuing to fulfill its aim and purpose of giving a home, a school, and a church to boys who because of economic and family limitations would otherwise be deprived of the opportunity to enjoy natural life and fit themselves for the tasks of life in various communities.

It has apparently been the ideal of the able body of managers to continually improve and add to the material equipment and the opportunities of greater development among these boys. The length of

service of the superintendents indicates complete harmony with these ideals and a continued effort on the part of these officers to maintain a fine school for worthy boys.

In some of the activities of the school those responsible for its welfare show the pioneer spirit and have actually inaugurated important fundamental educational activities which have since been adopted by the country at large. Every forward step has been announced as sound, efficient, and worthy of the effort and cost of adoption and maintenance. It is very apparent that this school has been criticized at times for its forwardness, but every important improvement has been stamped with the mark of time as a step forward in the progress of education.

Its practical agriculture and farm training started in 1833, the boys' band was organized in 1857, the first boys' band in the United States; sloyd training the first in this country in 1891, Cottage Row Government was inaugurated in 1888, the school printing office was started in 1880. All indicate steps forward.

Even our method of departmental instruction and school work as organized has for many years been worked out as an ideal junior high school. The junior high school plan has become an important feature of the public school system of a large number of cities and towns throughout the United States. This plan has been used by the public schools about twenty years, and our school adopted the plan many years previous to that time, and has so developed it that today there is no junior high school which has a more thorough or more adequate system of departmental training than The Farm and Trades School. Practically every graduate of this school can look back to one or more improvements which were made during his time at The Farm and Trades School. At

no time in the history of this school have the board of managers and superintendent been satisfied to continue the functions of the school without important additions and improvements.

Even now important changes and improvements are under way and other additions are contemplated. During the past two years changes in the eating plan have been worked out whereby the superintendent and instructors eat with the boys and thereby directly supervise the meals. A plan of diet recommended by the best authority on food for the human body was at the same time adopted.

A new cow barn, modern in every way has been built and now contains thirty two head of Guernsey animals, all pure-bred and registered except six which will soon be displaced, thus making ours a complete pure bred herd of Guernsey cows selected from the finest Guernsey herds in the country.

For many years we have had the Metropolitan Water Supply and telephone communication. Plans are under way now whereby we will have our electric supply from the main land. This will probably be completed within a year.

Our next great needs of major importance are buildings in order that all activities of the boys may be more adequately supplied.

To the older graduates these recent improvements and additions may seem entirely unnecessary and out of proportion to the general atmosphere of the school. It may seem to some that that which was good enough for them is good enough for the present and future generations. Had this philosophy been maintained during the past 114 years of the history of the school, even the oldest living graduate would have been deprived of many of the opportunities of life which he enjoyed, and even so with our future and present

generation. As the world progresses so must our school.

Fifty years ago the now indispensable necessities of modern life such as the telephone, automobile and other means of transportation and communication were in their mere infancy of development or unknown to humanity. Today it is impossible to do without them. It is even imaginable that future generations will wonder how we could possibly have done without radio, aeroplanes, and television.

So this school, and other schools or any business or home must keep pace with the times and we must continually stride forward, else we will be hopelessly lost in a maze of old-fashioned methods and policies.

Through its body of alumni the message of The Farm and Trades School should be spread to the four corners of the globe, even as its graduates are now scattered. It should be the duty and privilege of each alumnus to continue to spread the good news and preach the gospel of The Farm and Trades School. It is a school of which each graduate should be duly proud. There are bigger schools; there are schools of more wealth, but there is no school more valuable nor any dearer to the hearts of its loyal alumni and friends than our own great and venerable school on Thompson's Island.

June Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 86° on the fourteenth.

Minimum Temperature 40° on the twenty-first.

Mean Temperature for the month 54

Eleven clear days, 3 partly cloudy, 13 cloudy.

NOTE: Official government flags are displayed daily from our observatory.

Eleven new Alumni



The Class of 1928

Left to right, standing: Carl A. Carlson, Paul C. Butts, Anton C. Ericsson, ex-'28. John Belham, Chester P. Lindgren, George E. R. Hamilton; Sitting, left to right: Ralph H. Martis, William N. West, William L. Young, Otto Kohl, William H. Van Meter, Cecil A. Morse.

Graduation

The graduation exercises of the Class of 1928 were held on the Front Lawn on June the eleventh. Perfect weather prevailed throughout the afternoon and the day was most successful. The Nantasket steamer left Rowe's Wharf shortly after three o'clock bringing guests of the School and of the graduating class, together with the parents and friends of the boys.

The program opened with Clements' spirited overture "To Arms," by the Band. Following this number Reverend Howard A. Morton gave the Invocation. The program progressed and proved most interesting and enjoyable for us who were

privileged to be in attendance.

There are two numbers on our graduation program which are destined to be a traditional part of our graduations. The presentation of the School Banner by the president of the graduating class to the president of the second class symbolizes the passing of the honor of the school and its traditions to the second class for preservation. This banner was given the school by Mr. Walter B. Foster, '78, a member of our Board of Managers. It is a most beautiful emblem bearing the School seal in blue and gold,

The second number on our program

which is no doubt to be a traditional part of our graduations is the Class Song. This was also given the school by Manager Foster. The name of the song "I Go to Prove My Soul," probably portrays the theme of the song more than any description could. This song is one of the few pieces of original music which are the property of the school. A musical friend of Mr. Foster wrote the music; the words are by the famous author, Robert Browning.

The address of the afternoon by Mr. William Alcott, '84, was most excellent. Mr. Alcott brought out thoughts which awoke in us the realization of the tremendous amount of work our Board of Managers was continually called upon to accomplish. He also stressed the fact that we have a Board of Managers which no public school could have, to serve it. Mr. Alcott's talk was very splendid and it was certainly a great privilege to hear it.

The general charge of the program was taken care of by Mr. Edmund L. Boyce, teacher of the graduating class. The Band numbers were in charge of Bandmaster Frank L. Warren and Mr. Elwin C. Bemis. Miss Marcia Winslow took charge of the vocal numbers.

We print below the program, and lists of members in the graduating classes. A list of the officers of the class is also printed.

THE PROGRAM

OVERTURE—To Arms

INVOCATION

Reverend Howard A. Morton

SALUTATORY—Thomas A. Edison

William H. Van Meter

CLASS SONG—I Go to Prove My Soul

CLASS PROPHECY

George Edward Robert Hamilton

SELECTION—In Absence

Otto Kohl, Baritone Soloist

CLASS WILL

Cecil Alfred Morse

PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL BANNER

William N. West, '28; Howitt R. Warren '29

VALEDICTORY—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh

Ralph H. Martis

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

President Arthur Adams

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Supt. William M. Meacham

SCHOOL SONG

SCHOOL

MARCH—Shrine of Liberty

Band

GRADUATES, Literary Course

John Belham

Paul Clifford Butts

Carl Angor Carlson

George Edward Robert Hamilton

Otto Kohl

Chester Philip Lindgren

Ralph Henry Martis

Cecil Alfred Morse

William Henry VanMeter

William Norman West

William Lawson Young

SLOYD DIPLOMAS

Gordon Kenelm Baxter

Leslie William Brown

Paul Clifford Butts

Anton Conrad Ericsson

Chester Philip Lindgren

Ralph Henry Martis

Horace Alfred Taylor

William Norman West

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Clarence H. DeMar

In the athletic world Clarence H. DeMar is undoubtedly our greatest graduate. Mr. DeMar is marathon champion of America and may gain even a greater title in the coming Olympics.

Mr. DeMar entered our school in 1900. He graduated in 1903, and in August Superintendent Bradley placed him with Mr. T. L. Kinney of South Hero, Vermont. The boy did exceptionally well with Mr. Kinney and Mr. Kinney was proud of him.

While living with Mr. Kinney Clarence prepared for college. He also earned \$140 at this time which Mr. Bradley kept for him. In 1907 he entered the University of Vermont. Later he studied at Harvard and earned the degree of A. A. For the past sixteen years or thereabouts he has been engaged in the printing business.

His athletic career is an inspiration to all boys. In 1910 he achieved fame when he won the Armory Association ten mile run. To further his fame he won second place in the Boston Athletic Association race in April of the same year. His greatest achievement came twelve years later when in 1922 he won the Boston Athletic Association Marathon. He also won this race 1923 and again in 1924. For three years in succession he won the country's greatest marathon race. He finished second in 1925 and third in 1926. In 1927 he set a new record for the race. This year he won again. When it is considered almost superhuman for a man to win the race once, the realization of the truly remarkable thing which Mr. DeMar has done is most apparent. He has won America's highest laurels in his sport. He has achieved a record of winning six marathons over a period of eighteen years. This record will probably never be broken.

Mr. DeMar has set the coming Olympics as his objective and we extend our sincere wishes for his success.

Solomon B. Holman

SOLOMON B. HOLMON, '50 the oldest living graduate of the school died on January 30. Up to the time of his death Mr. Holman was actively interested in the School, and was always ready and eager to assist his Alma Mater in any way he could.

Mr. Holman entered the school when he was but eight years of age. The ideals of the school were the same as they are now, and the training Mr. Holman received here was never forgotten. In his own words, what ever success he attained was "all owing to my training at the Boston Farm School."

After leaving this school, Mr. Holman went west, and later joined a Wisconsin regiment in the Civil War. He came back from the war with a lieutenants commission. He returned to Boston and engaged in business as a master teamster which he carried on for many years.

We quote below a portion of a letter which Mr. Holman wrote to ex-Supt. Swasey in 1926. Mr. Holman begins writing of his entrance to the school.

"At the time I was only eight years old and did not enjoy the privileges of the F. & T. S. of today. We did not have the gymnasium, sloyd, blacksmith, printing and other privileges they do at present. Instead of this we worked a week at a time on the farm and then a few weeks at school and enjoyed a few simple games, then our time was again to work on the farm. This would seem quite monotonous to the present doings of The Farm and Trades School, but I have laid all the success I have had to this kind of training. I am not wealthy yet, but have enjoyed a degree of success; the foundation of which I think

was the training received at the Boston Farm School."

Calendars

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with John W. Furrer, a farmer in Lincoln. Mr. Morse employed Enoco Adams. Elisha R. Homer, and Gowan as mowers.

25th S. G. Deblois and Lady came and spent the Sabbath.

Charles H. Smith received.

26th The school was addressed by S. G. Deblois.

7th Frederick E. Thayer who got up in his sleep last night, fell and broke his right arm, was taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital early this morning.

29th Mr. Austin came to make a visit.

30th George C. Gill was admitted.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, June 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

4th Mr. B. H. Green addressed the boys.

Elijah Morgan left the Institution indented to Mr. Chapin of Springfield.

5th Artillery Election. Mr. F. S. Benson of Boston and his Sabbath School scholars from Mason St. S. S. being out on a sailing excursion called here to see our boys and sing to them.

7th Samuel Barrett left indented to Col. Osgood of Nethuen, Mass.

8th James N. Powers left the Farm School. He is indented to Mr. Leonard Battles of Needham, farmer.

10th Charles A. Branting left indented to Dea. Brown of Waltham, Mass.

11th Dea. Grant came down and addressed the boys.

18th The friends of the boys came down in the steam-boat.

"THE BEACON"

Thompson's Island Beacon was started at The Farm and Trades School in 1897, published and printed by the boys under the guidance of a printing instructor.

The purpose of this publication has been to tell about the various activities of the school each month and distribute this information to those who are interested in the school and its affairs.

The Alumni should be especially interested in what is being done by the boys of this school which was the home of every graduate.

It is the special desire of the editors that every alumnus should be a subscriber to this publication. By subscribing you will receive the benefit of the magazine and you will benefit the school by assisting it and continuing the publication and assisting in the expense thereof.

You are urgently requested to sign your name and address to the coupon and send it with a dollar bill for a year's subscription to the Beacon.

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THOMPSON'S ISLAND

OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION

PRESIDENTS

| | |
|------|------------------------------|
| 1896 | *John P. Ackers |
| 1899 | *Herbert W. French, and 1902 |
| 1903 | John F. Peterson |
| 1904 | Alden B. Hefler |
| 1906 | George Buchan |
| 1908 | Clarence W. Loud |
| 1909 | Thomas J. Evans |
| 1912 | Richard W. Bell |
| 1913 | Walter B. Foster |
| 1915 | *Charles Duncan |
| 1916 | *William N. Hughes |
| 1918 | William Alcott |
| 1921 | James H. Graham |
| 1924 | Will F. Davis |
| 1925 | Merton P. Ellis |

VICE PRESIDENTS

| | |
|------|---------------------|
| 1896 | Frank G. Bryant |
| 1899 | Walter Herman |
| 1902 | *William L. Snow |
| 1903 | Alden B. Hefler |
| 1904 | *William L. Snow |
| 1906 | Alden B. Hefler |
| 1908 | Ernest Curley |
| 1909 | Clarence W. Loud |
| 1911 | Charles H. Bridgham |
| 1913 | *Charles Duncan |
| 1915 | Harry A. English |
| 1916 | James H. Graham |
| 1921 | Henry A. Fox |
| 1922 | Will F. Davis |
| 1924 | Elwin C. Bemis |
| 1925 | Alfred C. Malm |

2nd. VICE PRESIDENTS

| | |
|------|---------------------|
| 1899 | *William L. Snow |
| 1902 | Merton P. Ellis |
| 1904 | George Buchan |
| 1906 | *William L. Snow |
| 1907 | Howard B. Ellis |
| 1908 | Charles H. Bridgham |
| 1911 | Richard W. Bell |
| 1912 | Henry A. Fox |
| 1913 | Edward Capaul |
| 1915 | *Solomon B. Holman |
| 1918 | Henry A. Fox |
| 1921 | Lawrence M. Cebb |

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|------|---------------------|
| 1896 | Algine B. Steele |
| 1899 | William G. Cummings |
| 1904 | Merton P. Ellis |
| 1925 | Elwin C. Bemis |

SECRETARYS

TREASURERS

| | |
|------|-----------------------|
| 1896 | *Arthur D. Fearing |
| 1902 | Ernest E. Clattenburg |
| 1903 | *Herbert W. French |
| 1914 | Richard W. Bell |
| 1922 | Augustus N. Doe |

HISTORIANS

| | |
|------|----------------------|
| 1902 | Almond H. Dutton |
| 1903 | Frank G. Bryant |
| 1904 | William G. Cummings |
| 1905 | Richard W. Bell |
| 1906 | Alfred C. Malm |
| 1910 | Charles F. Spear |
| 1913 | William Alcott |
| 1917 | William G. Cummings |
| 1918 | Alfred C. Malm |
| 1921 | Howard F. Lochrie |
| 1923 | Geoffrey M. Plunkett |
| 1928 | Clifton E. Albee |

* Deceased

Graduation

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Gordon Lewis Whalen

Almon Henry Whitmore

Chester Franklin Wright

William Lawson Young

FORGING DIPLOMAS

John Belham

Paul Clifford Butts

Carl Angor Carlson

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William Norman West

William Lawson Young



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A Great Game

A short time ago a great ball game was staged between teams B and C. Both teams are rivals, and fought hard to win.

Arthur C. Brown, captain of team B pitched for his team. Warren N. Pratt, captain of team C played first base for his team and Allen B. Scott pitched.

Team B's infield consisted of Frank J. Dow, catcher; Robert W. Mitchell, first base; Gordon K. Baxter, second base; Darwin Chapdelaine, third base; Kenneth B. Johnson, shortstop. The team C infield was made up of Charles L. Keller, catcher; Warren N. Pratt, first base; Henry E. Hallman, second base; William H. Thompson, third base; Benjamin F. Middleton, shortstop.

Early in the game team B took advantage of two bases on balls, and an error to score a run, which kept them in the lead until the fifth when team C also scored a run. The game continued with the two teams tied until the final inning when Keller doubled far into right center scoring two runners ahead of him. There was a great surprise when umpire Litchfield called Keller out for batting out of turn. Team B then came to bat and won the

game by a few carefully placed hits.

It was a great game.

Robert W. Mitchell IV

A Caucus

One night as we were lined up under the "Elm" we were told to go to the lawn near Gardner Hall. We sat down on the grass and the Supervisor turned the meeting over to the Cottage Row Government.

The Mayor took charge of the meeting and the clerk of the government read the notice of the meeting. The shareholders of the government and the non-shareholders then elected their committees. These committees appoint their candidates for the election which takes place about a week later. In addition to these two committees the Mayor also has one.

This is a more interesting way of learning civil government than from books.

Kenneth James III

Ratting

The rats are quite a pest on our Island and we continually strive to keep their number as small as possible.

We have a group of boys who make war on the rats. These boys make out a slip asking premission to go ratting and the Supervisor allows them to go.

When premission is granted we go around the beach to the North End and set traps along the bank and dikes on the way. Next we go to French Grove on the extreme north end and set traps in the rat runs and dug out holes. We have two dogs to assist us in our work. These dogs dig out the holes and catch the rats as they come out.

We like to go ratting.

Thomas S. Stewart I

Evening Practice

One evening not very long ago the Supervisor called the names of some boys who play the trombone in the band. We were told to go to the Band Hall. When we got there we found that Mr. Albee was going to teach us the more difficult parts of one of Sousa's marches called "The Stars and Stripes Forever"

Each boy tried the harder parts of the piece until he was able to play it. We got it fairly well after an hour or so rehearsing. About quarter of nine we studied our music as Sousa's Band played the piece on the victrola. This was very helpful. The entire band was given their parts later and the march was played at Grade Reading.

Thomas W. Eastty III

My New Work

About a week ago there was a change of work. During the year there are three changes of work, the one in July being the most important.

I have worked in both the Dining Room and the Kitchen. When our work was changed I was transferred to the farm. The first day I worked on the farm I helped two other boys in the horse barn. Since then I have done many kinds of

farm work. I have pitched hay and picked peas most of all.

Only two boys from my class were selected to work on the farm. I feel fortunate in being chosen, as I like farm work.

Richard L. Henderson V

The Leviathan

The S.S. Leviathan came into harbor for repairs at the South Boston drydock a few days ago. It was going very slowly when it came in, for there was only a few feet of water under her keel.

We get a fine view of the vessel as it comes into the harbor, as it goes very near our Island. The tugboats alongside look very small compared with this huge boat, which is sometimes called a floating palace.

The Leviathan and the Majestic are considered the largest passenger vessels in the world. They both attract much attention on their visits to Boston.

Darwin Chapdelaine III

Being a Horse Boy

During vacation I substituted for a boy who was a horse boy. When work was changed I was placed on the farm so I remained a regular horse boy. I feed all the horses and clean Jim and Jerry which are a pair of gray horses. I help get the hay down also. I give the horses two quarts each of oats and corn. I like to be a horse boy.

Harry Belham III

Playing the Trombone

I am in the Beginners' Band. I play the trombone. Every night at five o'clock we go to the Band Hall with our Instructor. I like to play the trombone very much.

Dexter V. Woodman V

Looking Through a Field Glass

One day I thought I would look through field glasses. I got some and started searching the horizon. I saw many things, but was most interested in a pair of seals which were on a big rock out in the harbor. These two seals were sleeping, I think.

Arthur Pickard VI

Swimming

Almost every day the boys go swimming. Our swimming beach is fine. We always have a boat ready to help any boy who has trouble while swimming. We always have a swimming float with a diving board that we use. On our Wharf we have a diving tower which the older boys use.

Most of the boys can swim, and those that can't are learning rapidly.

Ray C. Towne, IV

Airplanes

Almost any time we can see airplanes flying over our Island. These planes come from the nearby airports located at East Boston and Squantum. Occasionally planes come from nearby cities, such as the time Lindbergh flew to Boston.

Miss Earheart, who flew across the Atlantic recently, started on her flight a few hundred yards from our Wharf.

George F. Carr IV

Putting The Shot

We have a twelve pound shot-put which we throw a great deal. A number of boys stage impromptu contests to see who the best shotputter is. Some of the boys can throw it much farther than others. Allen B. Scott now holds the record. He threw it 41 feet and three inches. Most all the boys like to throw the shot.

Henry M. Caswell, Jr. III

Fixing Boats

About one month ago two row boats belonging to the school were brought up to the carpenter shop. One of these boats

is named the STANDISH and the other the BREWSTER.

The STANDISH needed to be fixed very badly, a new guard rail put on, seat supports, and a new floor installed. This work has been very interesting and the boat is almost ready for the water.

The BREWSTER is a larger boat but as it has a big hole in the bottom it will be some time before it is ready for use.

John A. Paley I

Painting the Dormitories

The first dormitory that we painted was the Senior Dormitory. First, we painted the walls. The trimmings were painted orange. It took us about a week to finish Senior Dormitory.

West Dormitory was painted next. The walls were painted a light blue the trimmings were green and the border around the top was painted brown and the windows green. The stay rods were first given a coat of flat white and then finished, with a coat of white enamel.

East Dormitory was painted the same as West Dormitory with the exception of the windows which were painted white and the border was painted brown.

Theodore L. Vitty I

Revere Beach

On my vacation I went to Revere Beach. We went into the Freak Show when it started to rain. In there we saw a cow which had three horns, three eyes and three nostrils. There were two hens which had faces of a man and a monkey. There was a steer that had five legs, and a duck who had hens feet.

I had a great time that day and and all the other days to follow.

Wallace C. Allen V

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A few days ago one of our boys had an opportunity to leave the school and live with relatives who are in moderate circumstances. This boy would have the opportunity of intimate home life of

which he had been deprived for several years because of the death of his mother. Of course, this boy accepted the opportunity and will, no doubt, strive to show his appreciation as he has done during the year which he has been at the school. His departure from the school was pathetic as his eyes filled with tears because of departing. During this short time at the school he had learned to look on the instructors as his foster parents and upon the boys as brothers. He had found the work hard but not irksome. The study was difficult but not tedious. The living conditions extremely satisfying and the opportunity for pleasure, play, and entertainment so amply provided that this boy was living a life most completely.

It is sometimes said that one's youth and particularly school is the time and opportunity to learn how to live, but the men and women who are spending their lives teaching, instructing, and guiding young people, know that the activities of childhood are just as thoroughly life as the activities of adults. Any one's memory must be very faulty if events in childhood and youth cannot be recalled that were at the time very serious and worthy of a great deal of thought and consideration. We, perhaps, look back to those events as of little consequence. To us now they are meaningless, but at the time they were very vital events in our young lives.

The deep feeling which that departing boy showed was pathetic but considerably gratifying to know that we had provided a home and an opportunity to progress and enjoy life. This was by no means an

unusual event and it is shown most vividly whenever boys must depart from the school by graduation or other reasons. It is also a great inspiration to come in contact with the parents and friends of the boys on Friends' Day and other occasions because invariably they tell us how happy they are because their boys have the opportunities of this school.

This spirit and attitude on the part of the boys and parents makes the work most enjoyable and worth while. Our only regret is that we are unable to accommodate only a very small percentage of those who wish to be admitted. Without any effort on the part of the school, applications continue to come in, numbering about 200 each year. Of this number we can only take about twenty. Should the school take the trouble to directly inform teachers, clergymen, and other agencies which are in contact with worthy boys, the number of applications would undoubtedly double and treble.

This school was started 114 years ago by a vision carried to completion. Every step in the progress of the school's varied accomplishments has been a vision carried to completion so we may perhaps be pardoned for one more vision of The Farm and Trades School with facilities to accommodate 200 or 300 boys instead of 100.

Topics in Brief

Our School year commenced this year on July 17. Our enrollment at that time was one hundred and eight boys. All boys were promoted in June with one exception, and the new studies began at this time. The Practical Training work was also changed as is the custom.

The teachers remain the same as last year, with one exception. Mrs. Boyce is teaching the first two classes. Mr. Boyce,

who taught these classes during the past year is now Assistant Supervisor of boys.

The boys returned from their furloughs on July 5 and July 13. The two groups had been granted a one week furlough. A few boys, who had unusually fine conduct records were allowed a longer time away from the School.

The Daughters of Vermont Club of Boston held a picnic at the Island on July seventh. This club invited the members of the Vermont Association of Boston as its guests. One hundred and sixty attended.

The members of the graduating class, with the exception of Anton C. Ericsson and Chester P. Lindgren have left the school. Several plan to attend higher schools in the fall, while others will go to work immediately. The two boys remaining here will probably leave before fall.

The baseball season is well under way. The games have been for the most part very well played, and the interest of the scheduled games is very keen.

A large number of our boys attended a performance of the 101 Ranch Wild West show.

One hundred copies of the hymnal, "Hymns of Praise," were purchased this month. This hymnal contains a number of newer hymns and will be used at our devotional service in conjunction with our other hymnal, "Hymns for the American Youth."

Our power plant was shut down twice this month. On July fourth, a minor break in the engine caused the trouble. On July fourteen a bearing burned out, which caused the second shutdown. Mr. Meacham, Mr. Schurman, and two boys went to East Boston in the launch "Winslow," to get the bearing repaired.

On July 5, 1928 our Admission Committee selected the following boys for admission to the school. These boys came directly to the school.

Gerald Philip Au Claire
George Alfred Banks
Warren Earl Bates
Frederick James Campbell
Roy Melville Dole
Carl Edward Harden
Ellsworth Ensign Hills
Harold William Howley
Kenneth Randolph Johnson
Robert Ward Mitchell
Edward Frank Navin
Gordon Harold Nystrom
Arthur Hubbard Pickard
Leonard Orison Pierce
Karl Johnson Schaufus
Herbert Austin Rokes
Edward Lawrence Searles
Edward Frederick West
William Smith Wilson

Plans are under way for a new athletic field to be almost an exact replica of the Tufts College Oval. There will be a baseball field, football field and quarter-mile cinder track. This has been a long felt want, as our present field is inadequate.

The Third Friends' Day of the season took place on July 20. One hundred and ninety-five relatives and friends of the boys were here.

Two Guernsey heifers from the Damon Farm arrived here on July 17.

The work on the farm has been quite successful this year, considering the amount of rain and cold weather which made the season unusually late. The main crops have done very well. The farm acreage is planned as follows:

Seven acres of corn, two acres of yellow eye string beans, and one half acre of cabbages and turnips, and nearly five acres of potatoes, and seven acres of oats.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, July 1878.

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Very hot. Beautiful hay weather. Four ox and horse loads got in and as much more in the fields.

Dr. Codman left this morn. Freddie Shaw came to see us.

4. Just the day for the 4th. The celebration commenced by the ringing of bells while the "Militia" paraded under Mr. J. R. Morse the superintendent. Gave the boys paper caps and little pistols instead of torpedoes. The boys played base ball. Had a dinner of roast veal, etc. Mr. William Parazinc, a graduate, came with his wife and child and sister. The boys' sports began by a swimming match, then a tub race, etc., etc.

After tea the procession of antiques and horribles paraded and assembled on the croquet ground to listen to the brilliant orator of the day, Hon. Harvey Sturgiss Reynolds. There followed the fireworks after which tired heads sought their pillows to dream over the events of the day.

5. The world moves on. The 4th is over, and we are all engaged in the sterner realities of life. Work presses and all are in the field.

Mr. Ackers left this morn.

6. Twelve loads of hay put in barn today.

Messrs. T. J. Evans and Samuel Denton from East Weymouth, and past graduates came to see us. They left the school fifteen years ago and are both engaged in boot manufacturing, have families and are honored and respected men.

13. "Friends' Day." Managers Lyman, Bowditch, Bacon, and Dexter present.

17. Went to city. Mr. L. A. Morse visited us today.

Calender 90 Years Ago, May 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

26. Samuel Spear left the Institution this day indented to Capt. Lovele a farmer of Barnstable, Mass.

27. A. Wentworth Jr. left indented to Mr. Plummer of Georgetown, a sash and blind maker.

29. Henry Phinney entered as pay-scholar.

Mr. Barrett from Theological School officiated one Sabbath this month.

July Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 92° on the sixth.

Minimum Temperature 74° on the third.

Mean Temperature for the month 87°

Nineteen clear days, no partly cloudy, ten cloudy, two hazy.

NOTE: Official government flags are displayed daily from our Observatory.

Cottage Row

Cottage Row is one of the important parts of the boys activities. Lately most all the cottages have been painted. They look very well.

There have been many improvements lately. The "Sunshine" has been shingled which made a great improvment in that cottage.

City Hall has been repaired so well that it looks as if it had just been built. The new cottage has developed wonderfully in the past two weeks.

Since the beginning of the season our Supervisor has been working hard trying to make the cottage owners make Cottage Row look as well as possible.

Charles L. Keller I

My Bakery Work

I go into the bakery every afternoon directly after dinner. My first duties are sweeping the floor and getting wood for the fire. When this is done I have recreation time until about quarter of five. I then report again to the bakery.

At this time I begin making bread. I put the mixture into an electric mixer and when the dough is mixed sufficiently I take it from the mixer and put it into the dough trough where it rises over night.

Royl M. Augustine III

New Hymnals

The school recently purchased a new hymnal for us called "Hymns of Praise." It is quite different from our present ones.

The book contains a collection of about three hundred of the favorite hymns.

We all appreciate the new hymn book.

Ernest S. Armstrong IV

My Garden

One of the boys in the graduating class gave me his garden when he left the school. I am taking care of it now. I think the gardens are very pretty this year.

Every morning before breakfast water and weed my garden. I do the same at night. I like gardens very much and am glad I can have one for my own.

Charles D. Hallman IV

Changing Beds

A short time ago our Night Supervisor re-arranged our dormitories. Boys with the highest grade were allowed their choice of which bed they wanted.

The location of our beds is really more important than the bed, as all the beds are good. I slept very well in my new bed.

Lloyd W. Blanchard IV

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Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

MERTON P. ELLIS, '97, and his brother HOWARD B. ELLIS, '99, have been greatly interested in our school since their graduation over twenty-five years ago. Both have been eager to assist the School in every way possible, and have been hard workers for the Alumni Association.

Merton P. Ellis has served the Alumni Association as an executive officer for more than twenty-five years, a record which proves his great interest in the Association and School. At present he is president of the Association. There is never a time when Mr. Ellis is needed but what he may be found willing and eager to help. On our Field Days he has been the outstanding figure, keeping all activities moving smoothly.

Howard B. Ellis was our bandmaster for twelve years and developed many bands which were a great credit to the school. With his connection with our band he earned the deep respect and admiration of every band boy. His contributions to the social life of the school have also been very great. Our Sunday services have been made more and more pleasant by his interest. Rarely does a year go by but what talented musicians and speakers come here to assist with our religious work, all through his efforts. His great work and interest in the school have made him greatly beloved by who all know him.

The School and Association may well be proud of these two splendid graduates, and their fine records should prove an inspiration to all the younger Alumni.

HAROLD D. MORSE, '12 has changed his address to 100 Grove Street, Melrose, Mass. Mr. Morse was a visitor on the Field Day with his three children.

HAROLD W. EDWARDS, '10 has changed his address to 171 Highland Avenue, Arlington, Mass. He is connected with the Lever Bros. Company of East Cambridge, as Assistant Purchasing Agent.

FOSTER B. HOYE '07 was in Boston recently. He is an agent for the Falcoln Knights Company. Mr. Hoyer will return to Cleveland, Ohio, shortly.

FREDERICK P. FEARING, '82 passed away at his home 57 Main Street Hudson, Mass. August 5, 1928. Upon leaving the School Mr. Fearing went into the felt hat trade. Leaving that in 1914 he went into the Real Estate business in Hudson, Mass., where he was connected until his death.



A New Boy's Work

I came to this School on July 5th, so I have not been here very long. I was given work in the Sewing Room. This pleasant room is situated in the front of the house.

The Sewing Room has three sewing machines and other equipment. I am learning to use one of the machines, the darning.

I like to work in this pleasant place.

Leonard O. Pierce VI



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Our Course in Meteorology

We have a course in Meteorology at our school which takes six months to complete. Our weather observatory is located on a high hill away from all buildings near the south end of the Island.

In the course of six months each boy becomes familiar with the various instruments. He is given a different instrument or set of instruments each month. His duty the first month is to study and learn about the three thermometers. These thermometers are adjusted so as to record the maximum, minimum and mean temperatures.

The student goes a little farther into the mysteries of meteorology the second month and is taught the care and operation of the Meteorograph, an instrument which records the amount of sunshine, the wind velocity, wind direction and precipitation. This machine is also called the Quadruple register. This machine records upon a chart which is changed every twenty-four hours. During the month the student records only the sunshine. The humidity and dew point are the next step in the course. These are found by applying the register of the psychrometer to a specially prepared formula which gives

the correct readings for these instruments.

During the fourth month the student records the Barometric pressure, wind direction, and its velocity per hour.

The fifth month is usually the most interesting for the boy. At this time he becomes forecaster. In order to make accurate forecasts he must have a complete knowledge of the instruments he has studied during his previous four months training. With the information which these instruments give him he is enabled to make accurate forecasts of the weather.

The boy becomes chief observer during his last month. During this period he makes his official report to the Government Weather Bureau at Washington. Our observatory is listed as a cooperative weather station by the government.

The instrument which records the amount of precipitation is situated near our observatory. Also, each day official government weather flags are displayed at the observatory.

From this article one may see that our course in meteorology is extremely valuable in an educational way. About twenty boys are given this training each year.

Charles L. Keller I

Putting Labels on Cans

About ten boys have been canning string and butter beans. The boys have been selected from the regular farm boys.

The beans are first picked and strung. Later they are washed and blanched. They are then put in cans with salt and water added. Later, they are sealed and put in the steam cooker for three hours. The cans are then taken out, cooled, and labeled.

We have finished about six-hundred quarts. They look fine, and they have been placed neatly in one of our store rooms.

Karl R. Adams III

Duties of Cottage Row Officers

There are certain Cottage Row appointments which are made by the Mayor immediately after election. Those who receive appointments are given special duties to perform.

The Street Commissioner helps to keep Cottage Row in order. The Janitor keeps City Hall and surroundings clean. The Librarian takes care of the Cottage Row Library, besides many other duties. The Clerk takes care of the Cottage Row Books.

The Chief of Police is also appointed by the Mayor. The Chief appoints his patrolmen. It is the duty of the Police Department to keep Cottage Row in order at all times.

All other government positions are filled by ballot.

Henry M. Caswell III

Getting Silage Corn

For the last week the boys on the farm have been getting silage corn. The corn is cut close to the ground and put in bundles. The boys then load the

corn onto a wagon. It is brought to the silo where it goes through the corn cutter and into the silo. We have considerable silage corn this year.

Kenneth B. Johnson III

Fishing

On Saturday afternoon we have the privilege of going fishing.

We usually go in groups and after permission is obtained we get our lines and bait. Ordinarily we fish for three hours or thereabouts.

We catch crabs, flounders, and sculpins which the boys call "scullies".

Fishing is a great summer sport.

Ralph W. Milliken III

Swimming

Swimming is one of the boys' favorite sports. When we are going for a swim we fall into line and march to the beach. The conduct of swimming is regulated by a series of whistles.

The boys who can swim usually dive off the wharf and swim to the float. There is a diving tower, which some of us use.

Proper protection is given all bathers.

George G. Hamilton III

Feeding Pigs

Every morning when the farm line goes to the barn the head Farm Instructor assigns each boy work. There is a boy selected to feed the pigs every day. However two boys feed them on Sunday, so that we get through in time to go to Church.

We first feed the pigs in the barn and then we feed the ones which are in the south end pasture. They are fed bran and cornmeal which is mixed with water.

Some of them are given three quarts of bran and cornmeal and others are given only two quarts.

Benjamin F. Middleton IV

A Grade Reading

Each Monday night we have a Grade Reading Program given by different classes. About all the classes try to have plays or something that is interesting. When the time came for the Third Class to give the program, we gave the following program.

1. Recitation, "What a Boy Can Do," given by Thomas Easty.

2. Reading. An Extract from the famous essay, "A Message to Garcia," which describes a true incident of the Spanish American War, given by Darwin Chapdelaine.

3. A poem entitled "Dominique," by W. H. Drummond given by Albert Thompson and Robert Erwin.

4. Patriotic Sketch, called "Hardships at Valley Forge." The Cast: Nicholas, a sentinel, Ralph Milliken; Master Marters, a lad seventeen, Kenneth James; General George Washington, Karl Adams; An Orderly, Willis Wight.

5. Trombone Solo; "Would You Care?" Kenneth B. Johnson.

Henry Caswell announced the program.

We enjoyed preparing this program and we hope everyone liked it.

Willis M. Wight III

Fencing a New Cow Pasture

I have been helping to make a new cow pasture during the past few mornings. First, we dug the holes for the posts. The next morning we got the posts from the Wharf and put a few in place.

To put a post in place we dig a hole about three and one half feet deep. Our Instructor sights the post to be sure it is straight. We then put a little dirt around it and tamp it down until the soil is hard. We then put more dirt in and do the same thing until we have it in solid. I am sure the fence will not have to be repaired for a long time to come if we do not get careless and allow the posts to be placed incorrectly. We do not intend to have any posts in place which are not strong and solid.

Wendell J. Combie IV

Vacation Is Near

In a short time we won't go to school because it will be vacation. We are now reviewing for examinations. During vacation the time we usually spend in school is playtime for us. Football is the most popular vacation sport. Many of us also go to the Sloyd Room. The band boys are given a fine opportunity to practice also during vacation.

Arthur E. Whitten IV

Placing Beacons in Envelopes

One Friday afternoon when we had finished our work in the Laundry we went into the Printing Office and began putting Beacons into envelopes.

When we had put about nine-hundred in envelopes the Instructor told us to take them to the Office. They are then addressed and mailed to the subscribers.

These were the Special Alumni Edition of the BEACON and were much different than the ordinary BEACON.

Thomas W. Easty III

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It has been said that all life's a play and the world is the stage. This axiom is accepted by a large group of people although there are those who say life is too serious to be considered in any such

manner. A play, of course, may be a drama, comedy, melodrama, tragedy, or farce. It seems as though the major part of every one's life may be classified under one of these titles. Probably every one's life has a certain amount of each in it. The part which one takes in life's program is dependent upon many conditions and circumstances but largely dependent upon one's own ambitions and desires.

It is also an accepted fact that one's life is very much dependent upon the start which is made. Usually the runner who wins is the one who has made a good start. You must make a quick get-a-way and carry the trained stride throughout the race to the finish.

The Farm and Trades School offers the opportunity for a few boys to learn the rules of the game of life and gives them the right start which they need in life's drama. These boys should endeavor to make a drama of life rather than the other kinds of play.

The program of study, work, and other activities is so arranged at the school that it is balanced and gives a boy a complete life during the time which he is a student at the school. There is probably no school or any other place where a boy may learn so many of the fundamental parts of life and participate in so many varied activities as at The Farm and Trades School. Every boy has the opportunity to learn the rudiments of several trades and has a great deal of practical experience in one or more of these trades. About seventy-five per cent

of the boys become members of the band. Every boy may become a member if he wishes and is willing to devote the time to practice. About fifty per cent of the boys regularly participate in the organized athletic contests. Every boy who graduates has played on one or more of the athletic teams for one or more years. Cottage Row and its government, individual flower gardens, radio, sloyd, and other opportunities are offered in abundance to those boys who are training to get the most out of life. Our boys realize these opportunities and continually make use of them in large numbers. These boys are learning the rudiments of the play in order that they may fit into the drama of life on its large stage.

Topics in Brief

Much of the interior of our Main Building is being painted. During the month our main hallways and the dormitories have recieved attention. We are planning to paint nearly the entire building.

The baseball season ended August 25. Team C, captained by Warren N. Pratt, received the silver shield presented by Manager Philip S. Sears. The games were very well played this year and the interest in them was very great.

Bandmaster Frank L. Warren re-organized our school band for the coming year on August 24. We lost several of our best performers by graduation but we anticipate a good season for our band.

Swimming has been greatly enjoyed by the boys this summer. Nearly all the boys can swim.

A record hay crop was cut this year. We put eighty-six tons of hay in our lofts. In addition eighteen tons of green oats were cut and also stored in our barns.

Our vegetables were plentiful this year. Over ninety bushels of tomatoes were picked, and the other crops to date have been large.

We are just starting to cut our silage corn.

A group of members of the Vermont Association of Boston, with guests, were here for an outing on August eleventh. In the evening our boys were invited to an entertainment in the Assembly Hall.

The Judicial department of Cottage Row Government has been especially active this month. Judge Howitt R. Warren presided over three trials.

The Fourth Friends' Day of the season took place on August 20. 270 parents and friends of the boys were present.

Over fifty boys were given the opportunity of attending a baseball game at Fenway Park between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees on August 10.

Our stock room was given an extensive cleaning on August 17.

We repaired our local phone line from the office to the Wharf.

A new pasture for our cattle is being built on Oak Knoll. A large part of the old pasture is to be cultivated.

Most of our readers are doubtless aware of our plans to install electric current from the mainland in the near future. We commenced digging a trench for the cable on August 6.

Our steamer, PILGRIM was painted on August 28.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Aug. 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

6. The friends of the boys visited the Island on this day.

6. 2 P. M., Benjamin Franklin Mead, aged 11 years was killed instantly by lightning in the field northeast of the house about one-quarter of a mile from it. For particulars see "Record". Funeral next morning 10 o'clock. Drs. Tuckerman and Parkman were present also Deacon Grant. He was buried on the Island.

29. Were visited by the Reverend Esekial Birch of Troy N. Y. Founder of an Orphan Asylum in that place. He gave us a specimen of his system of, "Oval Instruction" which was very pleasing to the boys. First Sabbath in this month Mr. E. Y. S. Corleus, S.S. Teacher assisted by Mr. Bowers of "Brown University" performed religious services in a very acceptable and profitable manner to their young audience.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Aug. 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

1. Cloudy all day. Messrs. Dunbar and Hutchinson rowed themselves over the morning early. Miss Gamwell crossed in the evening to get her nephew Willard Warner who is to spend a few days with her.

3. A thick fog again this morn. Quite severe sun showers today. Katie Lurgerson left to go to her home in Nova Scotia.

4. Mr. J. R. Morse conducted the exercises during the day. In the afternoon the exercises were very pleasantly varied. Twenty-six boys took part in the piece called "Cup Crops and Crown". There was singing and instrumental music. J. M. Graham read a poem "Changed Cross".

13. The boys were made glad today by seeing their parents and friends. The day was fine and all passed off satisfactory. Managers Rowditch, Storer and Stockton were present. The Superintendent left for a short trip to R. I. where his family are now stopping.

22. The Superintendent and Matron returned this eve from their vacation. Mr. Thaddeus Morse father of the Superintendent came with them. The Superintendent finds everything in good order. It is apparent that all officials have endeavored to do their duty during his absence.

27. A lovely day indeed. This is the 51st birthday of Mrs. Morse and a gala day for our boys. Ever since our connection with the institution the Superintendent and Matron have made their birthdays holidays. Today has been one of the pleasantest of the number. Several friends were present at our picnic on the lawn in front of the house. Everybody seemed happy. Six of our graduates were present.

28. Willie A. Morse, son of the Superintendent, left for Amherst to enter the Agricultural College.

August Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 93° on the fourth and fifth.

Minimum Temperature 72° on the third.

Mean Temperature for the month 85°

Six clear days, ten partly cloudy, fifteen cloudy.

NOTE: Official government flags are displayed daily from our Observatory.

Choosing For Football

Recently the football teams for the season of 1928 were chosen. The Captains elected are;

- Team A John A. Paley
- " B Nelson W. Pratt
- " C Roger L. Holton
- " D Kenneth B. Johnson

Each team has its own football to practice with. The teams practice during their play time. The boys seem very enthusiastic over football so we should have a successful season.

The games thus far played have been very interesting and with Team C in the lead the other teams will have to do some hard fighting to beat them.

I think the season will be very fine.

Theodore L. Vitty I

The Victory Plant

On the mainland across from the southern end of our Island is a large structure called the Victory Plant. During the World War it was used to make destroyers and other articles of warfare. It is now used as a school for the United States Navy aviators.

The planes used are seaplanes. On fair days there is almost always one in sight somewhere. Once in a while an aviator does some stunts in the air such as the loop, spinning nose dive, tailspin and so forth. They are usually alighting on the water and soon taking off again. It is interesting to watch them fly about the harbor.

Kenneth James III

Numbering the Clothing

Lately all the socks, handkerchiefs, towels and night shirts have been numbered. On the larger clothes they put a big number while on the smaller clothes is a smaller number. They are doing this so each boy can have his own clothes and be responsible for them.

James E. Douglas IV

Watching the Cows

This time of year the grass in the cow pasture is all gone, so I take the cows where the grass is good and let them eat. I keep them out of the corn too. I stay with them until noon, then another boy relieves me. This is my regular work.

Ray C. Towne IV

Cleaning the Boat House

One day after a steamer trip our Instructor told us steamer boys to clean the boat-house. We took everything possible from the boat-house and cleaned the loft. We then swept it out and put things back in their proper place.

John D. MacGregor III

Making A Mallet

I am now making my mallet in sloyd. The mallet is one of our regular sloyd models. It is made of maple or hickory.

The head is made from a piece of wood four inches square. It is then turned down to a cylinder three and one-half inches in diameter at the largest part. It is then tapered from the center to each end, both of which are three inches in diameter. I enjoy working on the lathe and hope to work there more while making other sloyd models.

Darwin Chapdelaine III

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Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

H. B. HUDSON, '72, was one of our recent visitors. Mr. Hudson enjoyed revisiting the scenes of his boyhood days. He resides in Jacksonville, Florida.

ROBERT BLANTENER, '97, is Floor Director at Moseley's on the Charles. Mr. Blantener is a Mason and is a member of the Lafayette Lodge of Roxbury.

DANIEL LEIGHTON, '02, is employed at the Fairchild Garage at Keene, New Hampshire.

EDRIC B. BLAKEMORE, '12, is living in Newtonville, Massachusetts. He is employed as a Police and Telephone Fire Alarm tester. He is a member of the Fraternity Lodge of Masons.

NORMAN R. WYATT, '16, is employed in the Boston markets as meat cutter. His home address is 101 Summer Street, Malden, Massachusetts.

NORMAN MOSS, '20, is employed by the Old Colony Freight Dispatch Co. He is a chauffeur between Boston and New York. Mr. Moss is married and has one child. His home address is 34 Patten Street, Watertown, Massachusetts.

CYRUS W. DURGIN, '21, has been in the employ of the Boston Globe for some time. He speaks interestingly of his work there and has decided upon a journalistic career.

EDWARD V. OSBERG, '22, begins his Sophomore year at Brown University

in September. During the summer he was employed by the Town of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, as a life-saver.

ROGER K. SMITH, '23, is a student on the Massachusetts Nautical School training school-ship Nantucket.

CLARENCE P. HOBSON, '25, is employed by the A. O. Wilson Structural Company of Cambridge. He is a Junior Draftsman. Mr. Hobson is a member of the DeMolay and plays trombone in the DeMolay band. He is also a member of the 101st Engineers' Band.

FRANCIS E. FLOYD, '27, has been actively engaged in orchestra work during the past two years.

Brewster Academy at Wolfeboro, New Hampshire will have three of our younger graduates among its students this fall, GEORGE D. RUSSELL '25, JAMES E. LIBBY '26, and ROSS S. LLOYD '27.

Incidentally George Russell is captain of the Brewster football team this fall and it is expected that James Libby will be back in his position of quarterback which he has so successfully played the past two seasons.

BURTON DORMAN, '27, after having been at the school since his graduation left this month to go to work for JAMES H. GRAHAM, '79.



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Labor Day

As Sunday was the day before Labor Day the boys chose teams for a football game to be held on the holiday.

The day dawned with unsettled weather and all hopes of a football game faded.

In the morning most of the boys went to the Sloyd Room and Band Hall. After dinner it was still raining so a few of the boys asked permission to play basketball in place of the proposed football game.

The wish being granted the game started about 2:30. The two teams, Dartmouth and Princeton, were Captained by Arthur C. Brown and Allen B. Scott.

When the contest had a good start and the score was running about even the weather looked promising for a change in games.

At the end of the half the basketball match was stopped and our football togs put on. At 3:45 the whistle blew. The boys were in their places and the game started.

It was a good game and hard fought but one side was over matched for the other so consequently the so called "Roughnecks" won with a score of 18-0.

Carl P. Herman I

Moving Pictures

One of the most enjoyable activities we look forward to are moving pictures. We have a moving picture show at least every two weeks, on Thursday nights.

Lately the pictures have been very good. We have fine actors and the pictures all have a good story. "Behind the Front," "Captain January," "The Fighting Coward," "Thundering Hoofs," are some of the pictures we have enjoyed recently.

Richard L. Henderson V

Playing Horse Shoes

Our Supervisor got us a few sets of horse shoes last spring, and we have been playing that game all summer. The boys all like to play the game.

We usually play in teams, either two or three boys on each team as it is more fun than playing alone. A good many of the boys have become quite good players.

Sometimes visitors get a good deal of fun playing the game. On Friends' Days the crew on the Nantasket steamer which comes here often spend their time playing horse shoes.

Wallace C. Allen V

Going to the Dentist

Recently on a Saturday morning the Supervisor told three other boys and me to get ready for town. We knew that we were going to the dentist. We went to

the public landing at City Point in the WINSLOW which is a gasolene launch, owned by the school.

Upon our arrival at City Point we took a trolley car to the dentist's office in town.

When we got through at the dentists we went to the post office with the mail-boy to get the mail. We then came back to City Point. Our steamer, the PILGRIM, was waiting for us and left for the Island. I hope I won't have to go to the dentist again for a while.

Kenneth R. Johnson VI

A Football Game

Every Saturday we play a football game according to a regular schedule which we follow. On October 6 Teams A and D played. It was a good game, although one-sided. Team D won 32 to 0.

On the first play Team D kicked to A and A rushed the ball fifteen yards. They made three first downs and Team D then held them and secured possession of the ball.

A fought hard to hold D but were not strong enough. The Team D back-field played a splendid game as did also their line.

Kenneth C. Caswell V

My Work in the Shop

When work was changed last July I was given work in the Woodworking Shop. The first thing I did was to set glass in some windows. Setting glass is something which every shop boy learns to do.

The boys who work in the shop have usually done a great deal in the Sloyd Room on their Sloyd course. We know how to use tools quite well. In the shop we make new articles, and repair things

that get broken. We are now repairing rowboats.

Leslie W. Brown II

Posters in the Second Schoolroom

In the Second Schoolroom there are two colored posters. They are about three and one-half feet high and two and one-half feet wide.

One of these posters is the picture of a scoutmaster and a junior scout. The scoutmaster is giving a message to the scout with instructions to deliver it. The motto on this poster is, "Just listen and obey, and you'll command some day."

The other poster is a picture of a boy with a cart of vegetables which he has just taken from his school garden. He won first prize. The motto of this picture is, "A race well run, a task well done."

They are both fine mottos and we are glad to have them. They are in bright colors, red, blue, and green.

Albert H. Thompson III

A Game

Almost every night the boys have a game of buck-buck. This is a hard game to play, but a game where all can have a lot of fun.

We have two sides with nine or ten boys on a side. We like to be on the side that is jumping. The boys like this game very much.

Ernest D. Newton IV

My Vacation

During my vacation I had a good time. I raked leaves until nine o'clock and then played football. I played football for an hour or so. Then I went to the Band Hall and practiced on my instrument which is a bass horn. I enjoyed vacation week very much.

Gerald P. AuClaire VI

Our Class Program

Last Monday our class gave the Grade Reading program. The program was entitled "Labor." We had what was called a "Magic Box," in the front of the hall. As each subject of Labor was called the box opened and closed after his departure.

There were eight subjects of Labor, who were called one by one from the box by the Spirit of Labor, George Banks. The eight subjects were as follows:-

Paul Hamilton, Farmer
 Everett Bowlby, Miller
 Clyde Albee, Mason
 Richard Crowley, Coal Miner
 Wallace Allen, Fisherman
 Richard Henderson, Plumber
 Dexter Woodman, Mechanic
 Donald Wright, Shoemaker

The program was announced by Aaron Mellor. We enjoyed listening to this interesting exercise.

Walter K. Pratt V

Reading The Old Beacons

One evening, not very long ago, I thought I would go to the Reading Room. I got a lot of pleasure reading the volumes of BEACONS which are there.

The old numbers of the BEACONS are very interesting. In the volume I read it spoke of cleaning kerosene lamps and doing other things which were needed then. They didn't have the modern things we have. Steam heat, electric lights, telephones, and other common things of today were not on the Island in 1900.

George A. Banks V

Barn Work

Every night at five o'clock two other boys and I go to the horse barn to do the necessary work. We water the horses and get the hay down from the lofts. We feed them grain and hay.

After this is done we clean the horses, of which we have six. Other duties we

have are to get the freight and carry the milk from the Cow Barn to the Refrigerator Room.

George G. Hamilton III

My Work After School

When school is finished I have regular work to do. I clean the First School Room.

To clean this class room I first move all the desks and sweep the floor. I then move the desks back in their proper place. The desks are then dusted and tidied up as much as is necessary.

I dust all woodwork, such as doors, window sills, mop boards, and so forth. I empty the waste basket and then tidy and clean the shelves of books. The last thing I do is to wash the black boards and then get ready for supper.

Donald R. Wright V

Some Good Sayings

Our Schoolroom has some large colored posters which illustrate the following mottos which could be used by the boys of our school.

"Prompt to the minute, A fortune is in it."

"Play the game and play it fair, You'd better lose than not be square."

"He thought he could, and he did it."

George A. Taylor I

My Work On The Farm

At one o'clock line up on Saturday afternoon the Supervisor asked some of the boys to volunteer for work on the farm. A number of us wanted to so we went to the barn.

The Farm Instructor told us what to do. I went with several other boys to the coal pile and shoveled coal into the dump-carts. It was taken to the Power House where it is stored in the coal pockets.

Chester A. Young III

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We are told by botanists that no two leaves have ever been found which were identical nor any two plants exactly alike. Physiologists say that no two living animals have been found which could not be

identified, one from the other. In the pursuit of philosophy we learn that no two people think exactly the same thing about any given subject or object. Because of these differences does it mean that one is completely wrong and the other completely right?

This great Country is in the midst of one of the biggest political campaigns, and perhaps the most intense in a hundred years. Each candidate for the leadership of the nation is lauded by his followers as the greatest man in the country, his opponent is flailed with vigor. Is the one side entirely right and the other one hundred per cent wrong?

Why are all of these biological differences and opposing thoughts? Why is there always a certain group to oppose our every idea or change which we may suggest? The Bible lesson of the bundle of fagots teaches us that a single stick can easily be broken but many sticks tied together are greater than human strength. Abraham Lincoln said "United we stand, divided we fall."

We should continually strive for perfection and unity. Combined effort, can move mountains. Everything is possible with co-operation. All human organizations are successes or failures, largely dependent upon the harmony among its many members.

The Farm and Trades School, one hundred and fourteen years old, stands as a living monument to the philanthropic ideals of several generations of great men. Hard effort and splendid co-operation have marked its every forward step. It is

a pioneer home. It provides the church for all these hundreds of boys who have been privileged to become members of this venerable home school. The men who are sponsoring this great school are ever striving to do more and to add to its already abundant opportunities. Let all of us co-operate, help, work together and laud every present benefit and every improvement and added opportunity.

Topics in Brief

The boys opened their football season with a game between Teams A and B. The game, which took place on September first was won by Team A, 13-6. The captains for this season are John Paley, Team A; Warren N. Pratt, Team B; Roger L. Holton, Team C; and Kenneth B. Johnson, Team D.

As is our custom Labor Day was celebrated by the boys with the usual sports program. A football and basketball game was played.

On September ninth a group of men from the East Milton Congregational Church were here for an outing. Former superintendent Paul F. Swasey and Alfred C. Malm '00 were among those present. The group held a Clam bake in the evening, at which time our band played a short concert.

On September tenth we began to overhaul the instruments at our weather observatory.

Two hundred and twenty-six relatives of the boys were here for the Fifth Friends' Day, September 18. Among those present were President Arthur Adams, and former Bandmaster, Howard B. Ellis, '99.

Charles Russell, '04 was here on Sept. 21, to give the steamer PILGRIM'S engine a thorough overhauling. The pump was sent away for repairs. On September 26, the boat was taken for a trial trip and all worked proved to be excellent.

The assembly room and washroom are being painted. In other parts of the Main Building much painting is being done.

Our boilers were inspected on September 22, and except for a few minor repairs, were found to be in good condition.

Electric lights have been installed to illuminate the area about the old elm. The boys have taken opportunity to enjoy their fall outdoor games in the evenings.

The trench for the cable which will bring our electric power to the Island has been completed. We will begin laying the cable in a very short time.

Our band music has been given a thorough inspection, and all necessary changes and additions have been made. We have an unusually large and fine library of music, and are working on a new kind of catalogue which will be a vast improvement over the system formerly used.

The cottage which is to take the place of the FELICE is nearing completion. The FELICE was in very poor condition, and rather than repair it, it was thought best to build a new one. Cottage Row has enjoyed an excellent summer and the citizens have been especially active in keeping their property in good condition. Most of the cottages were painted and a few were shingled. City Hall was

painted and shingled and other necessary repairs made.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Sept. 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

2nd The steamer went to the city to-day to get articles for the house. Carried up five boxes of tomatoes to market. There are in school at this date one-hundred boys. There were no discharges during the month of August.

6th Albert L. Gardner discharged to his mother and B. J. Bainbridge to Conn.

10th Visiting Day. Managers Lyman, Deblois, and Storer present.

18th A gloriously clear bright day. The workmen came this morn to fix boilers in the Laundry. Miss Ida Day came to be laundress. By invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Reed the School about to pass the afternoon at Squantum, roaming at pleasure over the grounds and there partaking of a clam chowder provided for them. Three cheers were given for the host and hostess when all embarked for home.

20th Cloudy this morning. The boat went for workmen. The "Emma" with Mr. Duncan went for supplies returning at 2:30. John Mooney admitted.

23rd Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Deblois came today. Mr. D. officiated all day.

25th Went with steamer early to get some lumber at Stearn's Wharf, Neponset. The steamboat "John Romer" came to bring two Hhds. molasses. Mr. Deblois and niece passed the day here.

30th One of Carpenters furnaces put in today to warm the dining and school rooms.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Sept. 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

4th. The boys friends "visiting day."

6th. Mr. George B. Hyde left this day. He had been teacher of this school nearly two years.

9th. Mr. Norwood Damon came to take charge of the school.

11th. John Cochran a pay scholar was withdwawn by his Mother and sent to sea according to his wish. His health very good most of the time here, and appeared to be perfectly re-established before he left.

18th. J. Devereux was discharged by the vote of the Directors by bad conduct.

19th. The Patrons of the Institution and invited guests made their visit in the Steam-boat this season on this day. About 150 gentlemen and ladies were present. The Boys performed their exercises as usual. Hon. Horace Mann addressed the company in an appropriate manner.

21st. William Holt was indented to Mr. Berry of Natick, Mass., shoemaker.

Contentment

Work a little, sing a little,
Whistle and be gay.
Read a little, play a little,
Busy every day;
Talk a little, laugh a little,
Don't forget to pray;
Be a bit of merry sunshine
All the blessed day.

Contributed

Burning Weeds

One morning one of our farm instructors took six boys over to the potato piece.

When we arrived he told us to gather up weeds and put them in piles. We put them in piles and had about quarter of the

piece in one pile. We started to burn them. The instructor put oil on them, and the pile began to burn. It did not go up in flames but made a lot of smoke. While this was burning we started to make another pile. This is the first place to be burned.

We have burned the second piece where the beans were which is located behind the Power House.

Benjamin F. Middleton IV

Clipping Cows

We are clipping the cows for sanitary reasons. One boy cranks the clipping machine while the Instructor does the cutting. At first the cow kicks when we clip her head. She kicks and tries to take her head away. We hold her with ropes.

Forest E. Haskell IV

Sloyd

After school I go to the Sloyd Room with the other boys of my class. Here we learn how to make many useful things such as picture frames, plant stands, stationery boxes, hammer handles, swinging picture frames, bread boards, table lamps, tool chests and many other things.

Some of the boys like to make things for Christmas. Around the last of November and in December the boys go to the Sloyd Room to make various things for Christmas.

Stanley V. Burlingame IV

Bakery Work

Royl Augustine and I have recently been experimenting with bread. We are the two bakery boys. We have tried oatmeal bread which turned out well. We use molasses instead of sugar, which makes a dark bread. I have been thinking of trying to make graham bread. I haven't a recipe for that so I will send away for it.

Lloyd W. Blanchard IV

Raking Leaves

Each year in the fall we rake all the leaves on the lawns into piles and carry them to the barn for bedding for the cattle. This is quite a big job to do as our lawns are very large. If we did not do it in the fall we should have to do the job in the spring when we get our lawns ready for the summer.

George F. Carr IV

Hauling Gravel

Yesterday afternoon as our Instructor went to town, Charles Keller and I were told to haul gravel. We harnessed Dick and drove over to the West Side beach. There was plenty of fine gravel there and we got quite a load. When we came back we filled all the ruts around the Main Building. We then took all the baled paper in the basement of Gardner Hall to the old barn. Afterwards we decided to go to the South End as better gravel is obtained there.

On our way back we had to go along the road which has been dug up for the cable. Our horse was very spirited and the ditch disconcerted him. As we came to a narrow part of the road, the horse shyed and nearly upset our cart. We tightened the reins and drove on. Farther along he shyed at some boys and I was almost thrown from my seat.

We got much gravel during the afternoon.

Leslie E. Aldrich I

Errata

We regret that an error was made in a recent issue. Mr. Arthur D. Fearing '84 was noted as deceased in one of our columns. Mr. Frederick P. Fearing, '82, died on August 5, and the error resulted from the similarity of the names.

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Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

ERNEST V. WYATT, '12 was married recently. The bride, Miss Lillian Brooks Grimshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Grimshaw is from Long Island City, New York. The marriage took place at St. Pauls Episcopal Church in Malden. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. Robert Smith. Mrs. Josephine S. Rice of Malden was the maid of honor. Norman R. Wyatt, '16 was best man for his brother. Mr. Ernest Wyatt is a graduate of the Massachusetts Nautical Training Ship, Nantucket. Upon graduating he made various voyages to foreign ports. At present he is in the service of the United States Coast Guard, and is an officer on board the Tampa.

HERBERT A. SOUTHER, '12 visited us this month. Mr. Souther at present is employed by the Westchester Lighting Company of New York. His home address is 84 Washington Street, Portchester, New York.

ELLIOT O. ROWELL, '13 visited us also during the month. Mr. Rowell has been a chauffeur for some time, with the Checker Company. His address is 4 Allard Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

CHARLES C. ROLFE, '15, was a recent visitor. Mr. Rolfe is a chauffeur. His home address is 47 Madison Street, Quincy, Massachusetts.

ELWIN C. BEMIS, '16, who has been associated with our School for

eighteen years was married in Barton, Vermont, on September 29, 1928. The bride, Miss Arleen Brownlee, of Barton, has been a teacher at our School for the past year and one-half. Mr. Bemis has been Supervisor here for seven years, and has been very prominent in the Alumni Association.

According to the records at the School the members of the Class of 1928 are in the following places.

John Belham resides on Oak Street, Cohasset, Mass., and is working for a plumbing firm.

Paul C. Butts is living in Paxton, Massachusetts.

Carl A. Carlson is engaged in the woodworking trade. He resides in East Braintree.

George E. R. Hamilton is living at 267 Franklin Street, South Braintree, Mass.

Otto Kohl is working in an insurance office.

Ralph H. Martis is a student at New Hampton School, New Hampton, New Hampshire.

Cecil A. Morse is engaged by the Custance Bros. a woodworking firm. His address is 17 Fletcher Ave., Lexington, Mass.

William H. VanMeter is attending High School. His address is 98 Union Street, South Weymouth.

William N. West is living at 135 Pearl Street, Cambridge.

William L. Young is a student at the East Nazarene College at Wollaston, Massachusetts.



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Hallowe'en Eve

Our Hallowe'en party this year started at half-past seven when we lined up for the ghost walk. This was in charge of the first class, and we all had a lot of fun from it. After leaving the Main Building we went down Back Road in a single file in the cable trench; ghosts shrieked and wierd noises were heard on all sides. We went through the Storage Barn and through the Stock Barn. In these places mysterious ropes tripped us, and water was thrown upon us. Finally, after a lot of fun we returned to the Main Building.

After an intermission of a few minutes we went to the gymnasium, where a party was planned for us. We were given a strip of tickets which entitled us to the admission of different booths. The boys who were dressed in costumes then paraded in the gymnasium and we voted that Wallace Allen had the best costume.

Our Supervisor told us that we could go where we wanted to as soon as the contest was over. The gymnasium was beautifully decorated and the walls were flanked with booths and other attractions. The strip of tickets entitled us to Apples, Pies, Doughnuts, Pickles, Flying Doughnuts, Fortune Telling, Bobbing for Apples, Cider, and

Bobbing for Marshmallows.

After an hour or so, when we had finished visiting the booths we had an entertainment on our stage in the gymnasium. Mr. James C. Miller whistled two solos, "The Mocking Bird," and the "Indian Love Song." Three plays followed this. The first, "One Troublesome Time," with Albert Thompson, Thomas Easty and Reginald Randall. The second play was "Working on the Railroad," with Charles Keller, Almon Whitmore, Leslie Aldrich and Samuel Hall. The last one was "What Street," with Carl Herman and Arthur Brown.

Shortly after the end of the last play we went to bed, after a very merry Hallowe'en party.

Paul L. Hamilton V

An Aeroplane Accident

On a Saturday afternoon, not very long ago, when we were in line we saw an aeroplane flying above the Island. We did not think much of it, for we see a great many planes every day. However as this one was flying low over our Island with the engine stopped, it attracted us. The plane began to descend. We watched it for a few moments and noticed that it was landing on our Island. The Supervisor told us we might go and see the

plane, so we broke ranks and headed for South End. Just as we passed the root cellar we met the pilot and two hunters. These hunters had been shooting ducks and had gone to the rescue of the pilot. The hunters carried the pilot's parachute and headgear. The pilot had a few scratches, and a bad bruise over his eye.

The pilot gave us permission to see the plane, if we did not disturb anything. We soon saw the plane, which was in our cow pasture, tipped bottom side up. The plane did not seem to be damaged seriously, the propeller and wings being the worst. The propeller was broken off.

The pilot returned shortly and talked to us for awhile. We found that he was Lieut. W. H. Laughlin. He signed many of our autograph books. His plane had an eight cylinder engine called Hispana-Suiza.

The plane was not repaired here but was taken in sections to the East Boston Airport.

Wendell J. Combie IV

Grade Reading

Recently the Fourth Class gave its regular Grade Reading program.

At 7:45 our program was opened with a recitation given by Robert Mitchell, "November can't be Beat."

The next was a dialogue by Forrest E. Haskell and Benjamin F. Middleton, "Brown's Thanksgiving"

Four boys read current events then Reginald Randall and George Carr presented "Boyhood Ambitions".

Richard Bolingbroke ended the program with an mellophone solo. Immediately afterwards the band played, and then Mr. Meacham gave out the base-ball cups and shield. Team C won the shield.

We closed by singing the School Song.

Reginald D. Randall V

A Debate

On Monday evening, October 15, the First Class gave a debate for the Grade Reading program. The subject of the debate was: Resolved that Hoover will make a better President than Smith.

The two teams were as follows: Negative; Leslie E. Aldrich, Howitt R. Warren and Carl P. Herman: Affirmative; William Thompson, Carl O. Wijks and Charles L. Keller.

Each speaker was given three minutes for his talk. After all had spoken the teams prepared their rebuttal. After the rebuttal the judges decided that the affirmative side had presented better arguments than the negative. The affirmative was therefore judged victorious.

Charles L. Keller I

Making Toast

Every morning Chester Young and I are called early to make toast for breakfast. The Night Supervisor calls us and we go down stairs and wash. We then go to the kitchen.

Before we begin making toast we go in the dining room and get the toast plates. There is one for each table. As we finish making each plate of toast we place it in the hot oven until it is needed.

Walter K. Pratt V

Pictures in the First Class Schoolroom

In our schoolroom there are many fine pictures, among them are pictures of such great men as Lincoln, Washington, Grant and Coolidge. There is a picture of the Minute Man at Concord, in front of which many of our classes have had their photo taken. A picture of the Grand Canal in Venice is also very fine, with its stately buildings in the background.

Other pictures in the room include

the picture of the Village Blacksmith, made famous by Longfellow's poem, "Dawn," and "The Gleaners." The "Country Boy's Creed," hangs in a conspicuous place. Beside it is the picture by Rose Bonheur, "The Horse Fair." In the front of the room is the slogan, "Play the game and play it fair, You'd better lose than not be fair."

These documents and pictures have a fine influence on our minds.

William H. Thompson I

Laying the Marine Cable

On October 15 we layed a cable from Squantum to our Island. The cable was about 2700 feet long and about one and nine-sixteenth inches in diameter.

In the morning Mr. Meacham, several Instructors and sixty-eight boys, together with the PILGRIM, and JOHN ALDEN went to the Squantum shore. The cable was on the Squantum shore and we reeled in from there to a reel in the barge. When it was completely reeled in our barge we started to lay it. The laying of the cable might have been quite difficult, but we were very fortunate and experienced little difficulty.

We shall soon begin laying the land cable.

Almon H. Whitmore II

An Incident

Recently the rope on the flag pole broke. It broke during a heavy wind storm. The flag was not damaged, and we recovered it all right.

Some of us asked to go up the pole and put another rope up, but we were not given permission. I do not know when we will have it fixed.

Until the rope is fixed the flag will not be able to fly in the breeze.

Dexter V. Woodman V

Plowing

One day when the farm boys went to the barn all the larger boys were sent to City Point to get a load of grain. I asked if I might plow, and was given permission.

My Instructor and I went to North End where we plowed the potato piece. I plowed all afternoon. I did twenty-eight furrows about 150 yards long. The horses I used were Jim and Jerry.

Harry Belham III

A Visit to the Repertory Theatre

On November 8, twenty-seven boys had the pleasure of attending an evening performance at the Repertory Theatre. This visit was made possible by two of our Instructors, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce.

The play was entitled the "S. S. Incorporated." It was based upon events in the future. We greatly enjoyed the performance very much, and appreciated the opportunity of going.

Henry E. Hallman III

Practicing Football

The football teams always practice when the weather is suitable. They scrimmage and try new plays and keep working on certain plays which they find successful. Some of the teams need secret practice from time to time and use fields away from the rest of the teams.

Kenneth C. Caswell V

A Beach Supper

Among the many entertainments we boys have are the beach suppers. We go to the beach, gather wood and build a fire. When our fires are ready we are given frankforts, rolls, pickles, bacon, marshmallows, cookies and sometimes tonic. This makes an excellent menu and the boys enjoy the suppers very much.

Carl P. Herman I

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The new electric power line to the Island is rapidly being brought to completion. It has been a long process from the original idea to its present stage of advancement.

First the possibility was suggested to

the Board of Managers, cost estimates were figured and the Board voted to install the line. Then the question arose whether Edison Electric Light and Power Co. should furnish the current because this company supplies all of the City of Boston and we are in Boston, or whether Quincy Electric Light Co. should sell us current because in running a power cable to the Island we must cross Squantum, the territory of Quincy Electric. The two companies involved finally decided the latter should have the contract.

Then an agreement was made with the Quincy Company and permits from the Government, Commonwealth, and City of Boston were granted to the school to cross the channel and the portion of Squantum owned by the City of Boston.

The exact location of the line was determined, exact measurement of distances was made from the switch board in our power house to the South End of the Island, 3906 feet, the channel 2650 feet, and 556 feet on the mainland, a total of 7112 feet. Allowances were made for splicing and possible minor changes in location. The cable was manufactured according to our specifications and delivered to us in six pieces. The biggest roll of cable was 2700 feet long and weighed over 14,000 pounds. This piece was the submarine length to cross the channel.

After this was delivered it was necessary to figure the best method of laying the submarine and land cable. A lighter company wanted \$750.00 to lay the piece across the channel. We saved

this amount of expense by doing the job ourselves. It looked like a huge job but by the loyal efforts and co-operation of the men instructors and boys it was completed in record time.

This whole job is being done by the instructors and boys except for three and a half days that a cable splicer took to join the lengths of three conductors. 5000 volts cable and an electrician a short time on the installation of six transformers, wiring of new motors and other minor changes.

Our own system is run on 110 volts, single phase, direct current. The new system operates on 220 volts, three phase, alternating current. This necessitates the changing of all motors and some alterations in wiring.

The current comes 2300 volts in underground cable and the six transformers at our power house change it to 220 volts for motors and 110 volts for lights.

Topics in Brief

On October fifteenth, the Superintendent, with six Instructors and about sixty boys went to Squantum to lay the marine cable for our new source of electric power. The cable runs from a point near Squaw Rock to our Island. Although it was thought that a full day would be required for this task, the job was completed in about four hours. Four boats were used in the laying of the cable, the Steamer PILGRIM, the launch WINSLOW, the barge JOHN ALDEN, and the rowboat STANDISH. As a celebration of the successful completion of this huge task a beach supper was held in the evening, with its usual fun and festivity.

Hallowe'en was celebrated royally here, as is our custom. The Gymnasium was decorated in the gay Hallowe'en colors. More than thirty of the boys dressed in costume. The First Class took charge of the Ghost Walk, after which a gay party took place in the gymnasium.

On October 22, work on our Wharf was commenced. The end of our Wharf was torn up and new planking put on. Most of the piles were replaced. These piles under our Wharf are very important, as they serve as a breakwater to protect the PILGRIM during the heavy winter storms.

Actual work for the coming year for our Band commenced on October 27, when Bandmaster Frank L. Warren reorganized our Band, and planned the work for the coming year. The members of the band have much to look forward to this winter and the band hopes to be prepared to accept invitations for public appearance and perhaps radio broadcasting.

On October 27 the south side and swimming floats were beached for the winter.

The tables in the dining room have been replaced with larger and more comfortable ones. The tables formerly used were made to accomodate six. The new tables accomodate eight people very comfortably.

The visitors during the month included President Arthur Adams, Graduate Manager Walter B. Foster '78, Merton P. Ellis, '97, President of the Alumni Association and Mr. George Lee. Members of the Alumni who visited us, besides those listed above included John Belham and William Young '28; Norman Darling '16; Earle C. Miller, '13; Kenneth E. Kearns, '22 and Ralph I. Swan, '27.

Lieut. W. H. Laughlin, of the U. S. Air Service made a forced landing on our Island on October 27. Lieut. Laughlin had difficulty with a leaky radiator. He was kind enough to allow the boys to inspect his plane. Neither the pilot nor the plane were seriously injured.

Late this month the boys chose their football teams for the Thanksgiving Day contests. The football season ends the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving. The leading players are chosen for the games on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Lula N. Spaulding, who has been matron of our School for more than nine years relinquished her position on October 13.

October Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 85° on the 12th.

Minimum Temperature 22° on the 30th.

Mean Temperature for the month 54°

Total Precipitation 3.41 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 1.30 on the nineteenth and twentieth.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 16 clear days, 7 partly cloudy, 8 cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Oct. 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

2nd. Freddie Pearson was this day discharged to go to work in the store of Allen and Goodwin, Avon Place.

5th. Went to city with the steamer to get Mr. DeBlois and friends but they did not come. Came home at once bringing a Bbl. of flour. Dr. Draper, wife and son, made a call this p. m.

Mr. Peterson and family came to see

Mr. Dunson.

6th. Mr. A. S. Wheeler of the Board of Managers officiated today.

7th. Grounded the steamer, cleaned and painted her bottom, fixed rudder, etc. etc.

8th. Went to city to meet the executive Committee.

26th. The last "Friendsday" for the season, and a perfect day too. Managers Storer, Lyman, DeBlois, Bacon, and Homans present. Also Theo. Motley, Esq. All of these gentlemen inspected our dykes.

28th. A lovely day. We made our annual visit to the city with the boys. We visited the Mechanics' Fair by invitation, after which we went to Faneuil Hall, where we partook of a nice collection. Leaving the Hall we marched through State, Devonshire, Milk, and Franklin Sts. to the boat and started for home at 2:30. All passed off well. The boys did nobly everywhere, and everybody seemed pleased.

30th. Rainy, wind East. Went to mill at Neponset to get my grist, carrying another at the same time.

31st. To city in P. M. and got six bbls. of flour. Wrought on dike putting on rubble, etc.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Oct. 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

5th. James H. Chapman left the Island this day, indented to Mr. Parker of Andover, sash and blind maker.

21st. Samuel Amsden admitted as a pay-scholar, board paid by Messrs. P. C. Waberstone and John C. Haywood of Div. School, Cambridge.

28th. Hugh McBride left indented to Mr. J. C. Faxon of Winsdor, Vermont, a farmer.

29th. Mr. Carry, Committee for the month, came down and made a short examination of the School—Farm, etc.

30th. Sabbath, Dr. Tuckerman and Deacon Grant came down for the purpose of baptising those boys belonging to the Institution to whom the ordinance had not previously been administered.

Number of boys remaining 99, all in good health.

Saturday Morning Farm Work

One Saturday morning, not very long ago, I asked the Supervisor if I could go down and work on the farm. He gave me permission and I went to the barn and reported to the Farm Instructor in the barn. I worked there until half-past eleven, when I came up with the other boys for dinner.

Roy M. Dole VI

A Picture

In the second schoolroom there is a picture of an English policeman telling an old man to "move on." The man's flower cart has tipped over in the street and caused confusion. The flower seller is trying to convince the policeman that he should pick up his flowers, while the policeman commands him to "Move on."

The name of the picture is "Move On." It is a large picture.

George G. Hamilton III

An Election

Wednesday night we held our regular October election. The election was held in the East Basement. Warren Pratt, who was Mayor, presided. The tellers were; Howitt Warren, Theodore Vitty, and John Paley. They guarded the ballot box.

The Share-holding citizens voted first and then the Non-shareholders voted.

The non-shareholders do not vote for assessor.

The result was as follows:— Mayor, Theodore L. Vitty; Shareholding Alder-

men, Thomas Eastty, Roger Holton, and Darwin Chapdelaine; Non shareholding Aldermen, Allan Scott and Kenneth B. Johnson; Treasurer, Henry Hallman; and Assessor, Richard L. Bolingbroke.

William E. Nelson III

"Four Things"

I like the verse which is called, "Four Things." We had it in school a few days ago. It is:

"Four things a man must learn to do.

If he would make his record true;

To think without confusion, clearly;

To love his fellow men sincerely;

To act from honest motives purely;

To trust in God and Heaven securely."

Arthur H. Pickard VI

Our Schoolroom Bulletin Board

The fifth class schoolroom has a bulletin board about four feet by three feet. It is covered with green felt. At this time there are pictures and articles on the board of the Olympics games at Amsterdam. There is also a picture of fate directing the faltering footsteps of Columbus, and a reading from a newspaper clipping of Hoovers high points in his speech at Newark N. J. A picture of "The City of New York" off for Commander Byrd's expedition to the Antarctic is also posted.

Our teacher usually puts interesting news on our bulletin board. Sometimes we find interesting articles to put up.

Paul L. Hamilton V

Autograph Albums

Many of the boys have autograph albums. We enjoy having them and try to get the autographs of as many of our friends that we can. Occasionally different well know people visit our school and we try to get their autographs.

John W. Russell I

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School

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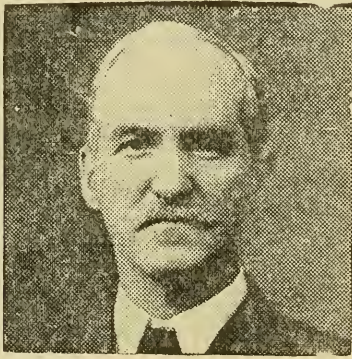
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THOMPSON'S ISLAND

Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

The Farm and Trades School lost one of its most loyal and honored sons when Richard Bell '73, passed away on October 28. We quote below the article which appeared in the Boston Globe on October 30th.



Richard Bell

"Richard Bell, former general superintendent of the Walter M. Lowney Company of Boston, manufacturing confectioners, died yesterday at his home, 93 Pine Street, after a long sickness, in his 72d year.

"He was born in Pike County, Penn. Feb. 21, 1857. For many years he lived on Richfield Street, Dorchester, and was a member of Union Lodge and Dorchester Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Dorchester.

"He was married in 1885 to Miss Mabel Libby, who survives him, together with two daughters, Mrs. Frances Libby of Hartford, and Miss Alice M. Bell of Belmont. There are also three grandchildren and a brother, William Bell of

Dorchester.

"At the age of ten, Richard Bell entered The Farm and Trades School and remained there for six years, where he learned the beginning of steam engineering. He entered the employ of the Walter M. Lowney Company in 1883 as an engineer and five years later became the first superintendent and later general superintendent. He retired in 1921, after a service of 38 years, and lived most of the time since then in this town.

"He was a member of the Boston Chamber of Commerce and had served as treasurer and president of the Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School."

The Alumni was represented at his funeral by James H. Graham, '79, Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Davis '79, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Malm, '00, Mr. and Mrs. Merton P. Ellis, '97, Howard B. Ellis, '98, and Augustus N. Doe '75.

Voting for Superior Court Judge

We voted recently for the judge of our Cottage Row Superior Court. Three citizens were on the ballot. They were Roy V. Towne, Warren N. Pratt, and Henry A. Schramm.

Henry Schramm won the election, which was very close. He had only two votes over his nearest opponent.

Ernest D. Newton IV



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Thanksgiving Dinner

Thanksgiving Day is looked forward to by all the boys on Thompson's Island. We have the big Thanksgiving Dinner, and the two outstanding football games on that day. The dinner is the most important.

During Thanksgiving morning we listened to the various stories regarding the size of the turkeys, pies, and other things and at noon we were expectantly waiting for the dining room door to be opened. Exactly at twelve o'clock the door was opened and we passed to our tables. As we were going in we were each given a copy of the Proclamation written by Theodore L. Vitty, Mayor of Cottage Row.

After we were in the dining room Mr. Meacham and his family, together with the Instructors entered and took their places. Mr. Meacham said a few words after which Ramsey C. Allen, Clerk of Cottage Row read the Proclamation. Mr. Litchfield gave the Thanksgiving blessing after which we said our School grace. We were then seated, ready for the feast which had been anticipated for some time.

We found at our place a little card

folder which included among other things the Thanksgiving menu. The menu was as follows:-

ROAST TURKEY

Dressing

Giblet Gravy

Sweet Potatoes

Celery

Cranberry Sauce

Mince Pie

Bread and Butter

Plum Pudding with Hard Sauce

Oranges

Nuts

Raisins

Grapes

Bananas

Apples

The dinner was very well prepared and there was plenty for everybody. We were in the dining room for about one hour. We left the dining room with a feeling of gratefulness to those who had made the dinner possible.

Frederick H. Hutchings I

Award of Baseball Shield and Cups

Mr. Meacham awarded the Baseball Shield and Cups to the boys at Grade Reading last week. The Shield, and the Cups were given by Manager S. V. R. Crosby. It was the eighteenth time that these had been awarded. Neatly inscribed on each cup is the name of the player, his

team and the year.

The Shield, made of silver, was awarded to Captain Nelson W. Pratt of Team C. After the players on the team have examined the shield it will be placed on a large wooden shield in the Assembly Hall to be preserved for years to come. Each Shield has the name of every player on the team.

Team C which won the Crosby Shield was composed of the following players:-

Nelson W. Pratt, Capt. First Base
 Allen B. Scott, Pitcher
 Charles L. Keller, Catcher
 Henry E. Hallman, 2nd Base
 William H. Thompson, 3rd Base
 Benjamin F. Middleton, Short Stop
 Albert H. Thompson, Left Field
 Henry M. Caswell, Center Field
 Ralph W. Milliken, Right Field

SUBSTITUTES

William H. Freeman
 Thomas W. Eastly
 Kenneth P. VanMeter

The silver Cups were awarded to thirteen boys. Four boys who had played quite well were given substitute cups. These cups are given to the best player in each position.

The boys who won the Crosby Cups and their positions were:-

Allen B. Scott, Pitcher
 Charles L. Keller, Catcher
 Nelson W. Pratt, 1st Base
 John A. Paley, 2nd Base
 Benjamin Mende, 3rd Base
 Benjamin F. Middleton, Short Stop
 Carl P. Herman, Left Field
 Horace A. Taylor, Center Field
 Chester A. Young, Right Field

SUBSTITUTES

Arthur C. Brown, Pitcher
 Frank J. Dow, Catcher
 William H. Thompson, 3rd Base
 George A. Taylor, Short Stop

We are very grateful to Mr. Crosby for giving these cups.

Charles L. Keller 1

The First Snow Storm

Almost all folks are glad to see the first snow storm. It seems to me snow brings good cheer, many good times, and thoughts of Christmas and New Years Day, two great events of the year.

Snow that comes a week or two before Christmas puts everyone into the spirit of Christmas and everyone seems to be more imbued with the spirit of the Christmas season.

Carl P. Herman 1

Listening In

During the past football season the boys went to the radio loft and listened to the football games. I went up there almost every Saturday to hear the Harvard games.

I enjoyed the broadcasts of the games very much, especially the Harvard vs. Army game.

John A. Paley 1

Sliding

A short time ago the first sliding was enjoyed on Thompson's Island for the season of 1928 — 29. The Front Avenue was not used as the granite posts at the foot of the hill were not padded and a collision might cause a very serious injury.

The boys went down to the Storage Barn where the sleds and skis are kept and got what they wanted. Then we went to the Front Lawn and coasted until one o'clock. The afternoon dining room and kitchen boys coast during the afternoon as they do not have any noon or night hour for play. We enjoy this sliding and hope that the snow will stay for a long period of time.

Leslie E. Aldrich 1

Thanksgiving Spirit

I am thankful that I have been able to come to a school of such golden opportunities, where I have a chance to learn many trades. I am thankful that I have a mother and father to care for me. I am thankful that I have a kind and just Superintendent to look after my interests. I am thankful for the Instructors who teach me the right from the wrong. I am thankful for the many good times which those in authority provide for us.

Leslie E. Aldrich I

I am thankful that I am in a School where I can get a fine education. I am thankful for the good times which I enjoy. I am thankful that I have good parents. I am thankful for all the privileges which the School has given to me. I am thankful that I have such interesting work.

Charles L. Keller I

I am thankful that I am living in an age of so much prosperity. I am thankful that my relatives placed me in such a fine school as this. I am thankful we have such a fine Superintendent and Instructors. I am thankful that I can enjoy so many opportunities that are provided for us.

Almon H. Whitmore II

I am thankful that there is a School like this one and that I am one of its members. I am glad that my mother and father help me so I can get along in this world. I am thankful that I get the education I do; that I have the sports to build my health and make me strong. I am glad that once a year there is a time that I can pause and think of the things for which I am thankful.

Royl M. Augustine III

I am thankful that my father is living and is well, also that my brothers and sisters

are well and happy.

I am thankful for all the good things we have. I am thankful for health, food, clothing, and the education I am receiving.

Henry M. Caswell Jr. III

I am thankful that I have a mother who takes interest in me and writes to me. I am thankful that I am healthy and can show the School that I am thankful for what I receive by making the most of my opportunities.

I am thankful that we have a good minister that teaches us more about God and that he takes such an interest in us. I am very thankful that the people of the United States have chosen a very fine man for president.

Wendell J. Combie IV

I am thankful that my relatives are all well. I am thankful that our School is progressing so well and I am thankful for the good time we have at the The Farm and Trades School. I am thankful that I have the privilege of being a boy at The Farm and Trades School.

Benjamin F. Middleton IV

I am thankful that I have a mother and father. I am thankful to be in such a fine school. I am thankful to be in the fourth class. I am thankful to live in such an excellent country. I am thankful we have a good Superintendent at this School who helps us in our education.

Warren E. Bates IV

I am thankful for a mother and brother and a sister. I am thankful for the school and all its opportunities. I am thankful for a mother who knows how to bring me up; for food, and warm clothing; for a home and a place to go it in need of a friend.

William S. Wilson VI

hundreth and fifteenth year of our School, and the forty-first year of Cottage Row.

THEODORE L. VITTY

By his Honor, the Mayor of Cottage Row, with the advice and consent of the Board of Aldermen.

RAMSEY C. ALLEN, Clerk

God Save the Government of Cottage Row

Topics in Brief

November was a month of very fine weather. The sun shone on twenty-three days. It rained little during the month, and a slight snowfall occurred on November 26. As a result the necessary work has been completed and much additional plowing has been done on our farm.

On election day, November sixth a group of Instructors went to East Boston to vote.

Twenty-eight boys were privileged to attend a performance of the "S. S. Incorporated," at the Repertory Theater on November seventh.

On November tenth the Superintendent, some Instructors and sixty boys went to Squantum to lay the land cable, which will bring electric power to the Island. Other work on the cable was done during the weeks following. On November 20 the cable was completely laid and the trench practically filled in with dirt.

A few places about the Main Building which needed plastering were attended to on November seventh.

The Assembly Hall was opened for the winter as a general reading room for the boys this month.

Armistice Day was celebrated as usual with a scheduled football game.

Teams B and C, captained respectively by Nelson W. Pratt, and Roger L. Holton played a very fine football game in the afternoon. Team B won, score 13 to 12.

Cottage Row Government gave a dancing party on November thirteenth, at which Mayor Theodore L. Vitty acted as host.

A supply of lumber was brought to the Island on November thirteenth in the barge, "JOHN ALDEN."

The infirmary bathroom was cleaned, painted and varnished during the month.

A supply of provisions was brought to the Island on November 15.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held at Hotel Bellevue on November 14. Secretary Elwin C. Bemis attended from the School. Election of officers resulted in the choice of Alfred C. Malm as President, Arthur D. Fearing as Vice-Pres., Merton P. Ellis as Secretary, and Elwin C. Bemis, Historian. The other officers were re-elected for one year.

We were pleased to have Manager and Mrs. Edward Wigglesworth visit us this month. The following graduates were also visitors. Marshall Hall, '27, Jack Hobson, '27, Francis Floyd, '27, John Arkerson, '27, James Hughes, '27, Otto Kohl, '28, George E. R. Hamilton, '28, Frederick Austin, '26, Raymond Fitch, '26, and Ross Lloyd, '26.

The boys gathered in the Chapel for the beginning of their Sunday School on November 18. Text books have been purchased for the different classes. The classes will be supervised by Mr. Russell J. Wallace, a student at Gordon College of Theology.

A fence on Back Road opposite the cattle barn was built this month.

The Superintendent's apartments were painted and varnished this month. Other necessary painting has been done.

The Crosby Shield, given to the championship baseball team, and individual cups, given to the best player in each position, were awarded on November 20. These cups, and shield, are given at the close of each baseball season by Manager S. V. R. Crosby. Naturally they are greatly prized by those boys fortunate enough to obtain them.

The steamer PILGRIM was drydocked on November 22. The exterior of the boat was completely painted. The work of putting on the sheathing was also done. The sheathing is a protection against the ice and storms of winter.

The boys put on their heavy underwear on November 24.

Necessary repairs were made to farm machinery and wagons on November 26.

The winter covers for the hydrants and basement windows were put on, on November 26.

The launch WINSLOW has been beached for the winter. Her engine was taken to the machine shop where it will be overhauled before spring. The carriage for the boat was also repaired.

Our usual Thanksgiving Day program was observed on that day. Thanksgiving is one of the days most looked forward to by the boys. In the morning the smaller boys played a football game. A Thanksgiving dinner, with turkey and all the other things, followed by a football game in which the larger boys participated made a very busy day. The afternoon game, incidentally is the major football game of the year.

On November 30, a hog was dressed which weighed over 400 pounds.

It is expected that several more will be butchered during the winter.

November Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 72° on the 12th.

Minimum Temperature 23° on the 30th.

Mean Temperature for the month 42°

Total Precipitation 1.38 inches.

Greatest precipitation in 24 hours 2.3 on the 15th, 18th, and 19th.

Seven days with .01 or more inches precipitation, 10 clear days, 9 partly cloudy, 11 cloudy.

Something New for the Band

Mr. Warren, who is always trying to apply some new idea for our Band has succeeded in installing a system of non-commissioned officers.

Mr. Warren has picked from the Band an assistant leader, a corporal and seven sergeants. There is a sergeant for each section and he is usually the best player in his section. Each sergeant sets an example for his section and is responsible for those under him.

There is only one corporal and he is the librarian.

The band boys are all enthusiastic over this new system of officers and are very grateful to Mr. Warren for starting it.

Arthur C. Brown I

Season's Greetings

The editors of the BEACON take this opportunity to wish you a *Merry Christmas* and a *Happy New Year*.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Nov. 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

1st. Charles W. Gould left — his Mother took him away to be indented to Mr. Clark of Watertown, a farmer. He was never surrendered to the Institution. Thomas Mann left at the same time indented to his uncle in Bridgewater, Mass., a blacksmith.

13th. William H. Summers left, taken by his mother as she could not afford to pay his board longer.

19th. Mr. John Hayward of the Divinity School, Cambridge, officiated for the boys.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Nov. 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

14th. Were visited by Managers Bowditch, DeBlois, Emmons, Homans and Storer who lunched here.

23rd. This month was very calm and lovely. P. M. rough and colder. Went to city with steamer, taking Miss Gamwell and Master Walter B. Foster and John Stanley. Foster goes to live with Mrs. Rachael Clough, North Wilmington, Mass. and Stanley goes to Mrs. Plimpton Walpole, Mass.

25th. This morn the tide was unusually high and it worked through the gravel near the end of my dike until it finally lifted a quantity - where the tide rushed in with great force cutting a deep gully and flooding the marsh.

26th. Went to city and met the Examining Committee. Mr. Lyman came home with me and after lunch we rode in my old buggy to see the broken bank. I then carried him to the city.

An Interesting Incident

A short time ago a number of us boys were filling in the cable trench when we noticed an aeroplane over our heads. It was a plane from Dennison's Airport at Squantum. Evidently the plane had engine trouble. It swooped low and finally disappeared behind a knoll.

We thought it would land and we ran over to see the plane. It had landed on the hill.

The men were out of the machine and one man had gone down to the beach to get some stones to block the wheels. The instructor got in the plane while the pupil held the wing he raced the motor for a short time. They taxied around and when the motor sounded good they took off and he ded for the airport.

The name of the plane was Miss Royall and the instructor was from Milton, Mass.

Albert H. Thompson III

Making Presents in Sloyd Room

Every year about a week after Thanksgiving the boys begin to make their Christmas presents to send home or to give to other friends. We are in the Sloyd Room most of our spare time and we are allowed two hours at night to make these presents. Some of the things which we make are; lamps, bowls, glove boxes, trays, frames, paper knives, tables, necktie racks, ink stands, candle sticks, book ends, hope chests, hat racks and lots of other things.

We are all glad when Christmas comes around not only for receiving presents but for the joy of making someone else happy at Christmas time.

Allen B. Scott II

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The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School was held at the Hotel Bellevue on Wednesday evening, November 14, 1928. There were twenty-three members and guests present. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and approved. Reports of the committees were read and approved. Chairman Davis of the Richard Bell Candy Fund reported the fund at \$156.21. James H. Partridge, oldest living graduate presented Thomas Mulverhill, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen of Norwood, who spoke briefly. Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President, Alfred C. Malm, '00 of Melrose; Vice President, Arthur D. Fearing, '84 of Boston; Secretary, Merton P. Ellis, '97 of Milton; Historian, Elwin C. Bemis, '16 of Boston.

Those present at the meeting:

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Elwin C. Bemis
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Will F. Davis
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The Annual Alumni Barquet will be held on January ninth.

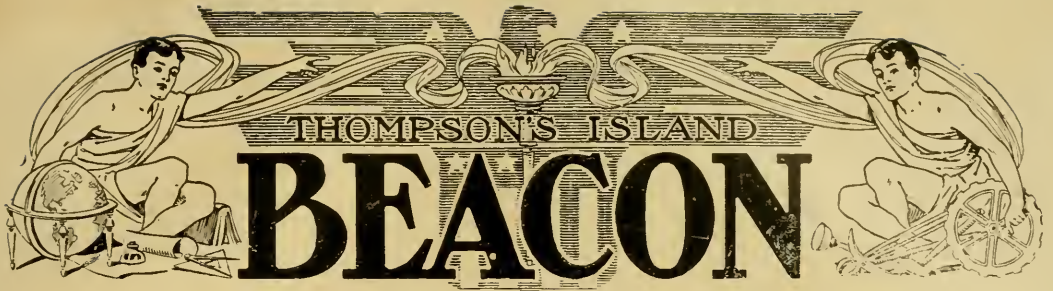
The "Harvard" and "Yale" Smoker

The Thanksgiving day football game is our most interesting game of the season. On the night before the big game we gathered in the Assembly Hall to listen to the arguments of both teams, after which we were to decide which team we would cheer.

Both teams were seated in the front of the hall and as soon as we were seated the members of each team alternately tried to convince us that we should cheer for their team. The arguments were very good and we had a hard time deciding just who to cheer.

After the arguments had been ably presented the "Harvard" rooters stayed in the Assembly Hall, and the "Yale" cheerers went to the Gymnasium. Both sides were quite evenly matched. For an hour or so each cheering section rehearsed songs and cheers which they would use to cheer their favorite team in the big game. "Yale" won the game.

Thomas W. Eastty III



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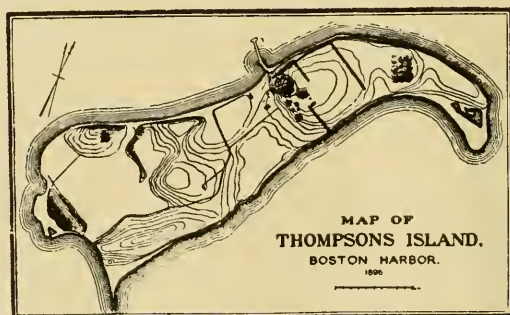
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Report of the Superintendent

This report briefly enumerates the major items of progress during the first two years of service of the present superintendent, December 1, 1926 to January 1, 1929.

| | BUDGET | EXPENDED | INCOME | DEFICIT |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 1926 | \$64,520.00 | \$69,819.46 | \$62,022.45 | \$7,797.49 |
| 1927 | *81,520.00 | 77,789.72 | 70,472.23 | 7,317.49 |
| 1928 | **81,987.95 | 79,907.35 | 70,425.78 | 9,481.57 |

*No exact budget adopted in order that the new superintendent might have time to study the needs; agreed that budget of previous year with \$7,000.00 added for new diet be used as a general basis. Also \$10,000.00 is included for the addition to the barn.

**Budget for operating expenses plus cost of wharf repair, new electric line and poultry house.

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|----------------------------------|------|-------------|
| Received from Tuitions and Board | 1926 | \$11,390.90 |
| | 1927 | 11,981.37 |
| | 1928 | 13,887.98 |

December 25, 1926 a complete change of the plan of diet was inaugurated conforming to the best known principles of dietetics. This change added about \$7,000.00 to the annual cost of food.

The BEACON was brought up to date in the early part of 1927 and has since been printed on schedule. Big special editions are being printed several times each year.

About \$10,000.00 was expended to build a new cow barn in 1927. It is modern in every way and accomodates forty head of cattle. Pure bred Guernseys have been brought, given, and raised during the past year to bring the total number of cattle up to thirty-six.

During the latter part of 1927 a new twelve-foot coal range was installed in our kitchen and several other additions were made to the cooking equipment. In 1928 new tables and chairs were purchased for the dining room.

Fire damaged the superstructure of our steamer PILGRIM on September 30 1927. The cost of about \$5,000.00 to renew the boat was paid by insurance.

The Boys' Band has played for several events in Boston, broadcast, and competed in two New England Contests in 1927 and 1928. Second prize was won in each of these contests.

The year 1928 yielded the largest production of hay, vegetables, corn, and other crops in many years. The production included 85 tons of hay, a silo full of ensilage corn, 200 bushels of field corn on the ear, 550 bushels of potatoes and a large supply of other vegetable including 1,000 cans of tomatoes and string beans canned at the school.

An electric line is being constructed from Quincy to the Island. This involved the laying of 2700 feet of submarine cable weighing 14,000 pounds and 4500 ft. of land cable weighing about 25,000 pounds, and changing of all motors from direct current to alternating current. The surveying, laying of the cable, and all other work in connection with this construction job is being done by the boys under the guidance and instruction of the regular staff at the school except for splicing of the six sections of cable and a part of the electrical wiring in the buildings. The submarine cable was in one piece and the laying of this massive coil was the most difficult part of the job. It was estimated that this addition to the school's facilities would cost about \$12,000.00 but by utilizing the school forces the cost is reduced about one half.

The boys are now building brooder and laying houses to rear to accommodate 600 laying hens. The brooder house is 60 feet by 20 feet for 2,000 chickens and the laying house is 140 feet by 20 feet. This will cost about \$3,000.00.

A great deal of effort has been extending during the past two years in increasing our agricultural production and offering even more valuable and extensive training for the boys. The dairy, poultry, and horticulture have been brought to a much higher plane. The fruit orchard and swine are likewise undergoing vast improvement. Much painting and general repairs have been done recently. A part of the wharf was rebuilt in October 1928 at a cost of \$4000.00.

Plans are now under way for a complete new refrigeration plant at a cost of several thousand dollars. The location of our athletic field is to be changed and the surveying has been accomplished for a regulation baseball and football field, surrounded by a quarter mile cinder track and having an adequate grandstand.

Other improvements and expansions are under consideration and will probably be made when funds are obtained for financing them. Three important needs are: more extended agricultural instruction, increased salaries, more adequate living quarters.



PILGRIM being repaired and painted by the boys at the school.

Power House
Building



Compost Shed
and
Weather Observatory

The School and its Work

Thompson's Island Thompson's Island was first discovered and explored by Captain Miles Standish and his party, and named "The Island of Trevore," after one of the party— later changed to Thompson's Island. David Thompson took possession and built the first house in Boston harbor in 1626. The General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony granted the island to the inhabitants of Dorchester in 1634 on condition that they pay a yearly rent of twelve pence to the treasury (the island was probably not inhabited at that time). The money thus collected helped to support the first free public school in America. Dorchester lost possession of the island in 1650 when the General Court confirmed the title of John Thompson. The jurisdiction of the island was transferred from Dorchester to the City of Boston in 1834. The island is about one mile from South Boston, and about 1200 feet from Squantum, and about one mile west of the main ship channel. It consists of 157 acres entirely occupied by the school.

The Farm and Trades School "The Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys" was organized and started in 1814. The first home of the school was on the corner of Cambridge and Lynde Streets. The former residence of the Colonial Governor, Sir William Phipps, on the corner of Salem and Charter Streets was purchased and the school moved to its new home in 1820. Thompson's Island was purchased by the proprietors of The Farm School in 1832 and incorporated under the name of "Proprietors of The Boston Farm School" in 1833. The school was established at the island in the same year. During the following year, the managers of the "Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys" considered uniting with the "Boston Farm School." This union was made in 1835 and then called the "Boston Asylum and Farm School for Indigent Boys." The name was changed to "The Farm and Trades School" June 10, 1907.

Pioneer Developments The first boys' band in America was organized here in 1859. Printing was started in 1881, probably the first school in America to add printing to its curriculum. Cottage Row represents the pioneer boys' government, established at the school in 1888. This school was the first in America to introduce Sloyd, in 1891.

Other Developments Regular part time school and part time work was started in 1889. The Farm School bank was organized the same year. The Alumni Association was formed in 1897. The first Beacon was printed in this year. The Farm School Trading Company began to do business in 1900. Meteorology was introduced in 1905.

Buildings The main building was designed by Bulfinch and erected on Mansion Hill in 1834. It is 105 by 126 feet, three stories high and sixty feet above mean high water. This building provides living quarters for the Superintendent and his family, twenty-five

instructors, and one hundred boys, all household departments, offices, class rooms, chapel, library, and store rooms. To the east of the main building stands Gardner Hall built in 1881. This building is 37 by 62 feet and two stories high. It contains a modern and completely equipped steam laundry, printing shop, paint shop, drafting room, gymnasium, and a basement for storage purposes. Adjacent to Gardner Hall is the Power House, built in 1909, 40 by 62 feet, three stories high. This building has equipment for the distribution of heat, lights, electrical power, and water. The band hall, sloyd room, carpenter and blacksmith shops are located in this building.

About five hundred feet southwest of the main building is the stock barn, built in 1857, 44 by 92 feet, three stories high.

Farm Buildings This barn is used for the horses and for the storage of hay, grain, and other farm material. A silo was added to this barn in 1924. Attached to the south side of this barn is a modern cow barn, built in 1927, one story high, 36 by 63 feet. This is large enough to accommodate forty head of cattle and now contains thirty pure bred and ten grade Guernseys. There are three other buildings in this group used for swine, storage, corn, and seeds. Southeast of this group, the poultry houses are located. The former buildings and equipment for poultry have been removed and a brooder house 20 by 60 feet, and a laying house 20 by 140 feet are now being built. Other buildings on the island are a farm house, root cellar, compost shed, weather observatory, incinerator, telephone cable booth, boat house, and ten cottages owned by the boys and operated as a part of Cottage Row Government.

The wharf is built of granite and wood 400 feet long and 20 feet wide. Near it is a breakwater which shelters the school's steamer when lying at her berth. The steamer PILGRIM which is fifty feet long, a motor launch, row boats and a freight barge owned by the school furnish necessary communication with the mainland.

Wharf and Boats The electrical current for the twenty motors which are used in the various departments of the school and for lights has been supplied for the past twenty years by our own electrical generating plant but will very soon be furnished by Quincy Electrical Light Company conducted through underground and submarine cable which is now being installed. The island is provided with Metropolitan Water and telephone service. The various trades departments are generously equipped with motor driven machinery such as forges, saws, lathes, drills, printing presses, and ensilage cutter.

Trees, Shrubs, and Flowers There are six small groves of trees on the island including many species and several rare varieties. There are Acacia, Australian Pines, Norway Pines, Oaks, and many other varieties in addition to the fruit orchard of apple, cherry, pear, plum, peach, and quince trees. The lawns and grounds about the buildings are generously spotted with many varieties of perennials and small flower beds. Many of the boys have their own individual flower gardens

Agriculture The farm and its location offer unusual opportunities for the practical application of agriculture. The course in agriculture aims to give every boy a definite technical and practical knowledge of the subject, to inspire the pupils with a love of country life, and to impress the truth that agriculture, besides being the most independent of all occupations, is more remunerative than many other occupations for those who are industrious, intelligent, and well trained.

Sloyd The Sloyd course is the basis of our mechanical teaching as it is the foundation and natural stepping stone to all trades and vocational training. It gives opportunity for the Boys to acquire a large amount of practical skill in woodworking, and it furnishes a knowledge of technical and scientific principles of carpentry. Aside from carpentry, cabinet work, and wood turning, the course includes instruction in mechanical drawing.

Printing This course covers a wide variety in hand composition, stone-work, and presswork. It includes the rudimentary operations in type-setting, composition of book pages, headings, business cards, stationery headings, and display work. The ability of boys taking this course is portrayed through the publication of the BEACON, printing of the school reports, calendars, programs and all printed matter used in the school, and a considerable amount of printing for patrons in town.

Forging Through this course the Boys are given a knowledge of hand forging in wrought iron and steel. Their instruction includes bending, upsetting, drawing, welding, hardening and tempering; filing, bench-work and simple construction of different machine parts.

Meteorology Our location and interests afford excellent opportunities for the practical study of meteorology, in the three upper grades. A building especially constructed for an observatory is equipped with the standard instruments. A staff of boys consisting of a chief observer, a deputy chief and an observer of each of the instruments, makes observations at 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. according to government rules. Local forecasts are made each morning and the temperature, humidity and dew point, rainfall, barometric pressure, wind velocity, wind direction and sunshine, are recorded. Our station is rated as a United States Co-operative station.

Other Trade Courses In addition, the boys receive instructions in interior and exterior painting, cobbling, office work, the handling of boats, the care and running of boilers, steam and gasoline generators, and steam-heating system in the Power House, mechanical drawing, household duties, and laundry work. The purpose of these courses is to train boys for efficient service in all lines of work. The instruction is designed to cultivate intelligence as well as manual skill. The training is made sufficiently broad to develop habits of reasoning, power of initiative, and ambition.

Academic Course The academic course is divided into six classes extending from the sixth grade through the tenth year or second year of high school. The usual school subjects are included and are combined with practical work wherever possible.

Full credit is given by other secondary schools and colleges and in many cases is considered superior because of the practical training which the boys receive in connection with this work.

Religious Training Christian character is considered the most important asset that a boy or man can have. The School is non-sectarian but thoroughly Christian. A theological student conducts the Sunday services and the Boys take an active part in the morning and evening programs. Clergymen of different denominations are often invited to address the pupils and occasionally the Boys attend church in town. A boy's ethical and moral standards are developed by each day's contact and association with instructors and other boys in school, at work, and at play.

Physical Training Before a boy enters the school he must pass a medical examination. The boys' meals and daily routine are under careful medical supervision and heights and weights are recorded each month as a guide to the physical needs of each boy. The boys have drill and setting-up exercises each morning before breakfast and their work is so organized that it insures a healthy amount of exercise.

Boys' Band The Boys' Band, established in 1857, is one of the many activities of which the school may be justly proud. It consists of thirty pieces and furnishes music on Friends' Days, at Easter time, and other occasions. During recent years this band has had many calls for various occasions. Second prize trophies were awarded to the band in participation with other boys' bands at the New England Festival "Boys' Band Contests" on Boston Common in 1927 and 1928. A special instructor comes to the school each week to conduct the practice. Two other members of the regular staff conduct band practice daily.

Cottage Row Cottage Row represents the pioneer boys' government with its various departments modelled on actual usage. It consists of City Hall, Audubon Hall, and ten small cottages in which the boys own shares. It furnishes practical lessons in government, politics, business forms, the transfer of property, and trains the boys in the spirit and ideals of true and practical citizenship.

Sanitary Division The Sanitary Division of Cottage Row is divided into six groups of boys, each with a chief and a deputy. These groups are classified as Bird Inspectors, Tree Inspectors, Fly Inspectors, Mosquito Inspectors, Rat Inspectors, and Inspectors of Buildings and Grounds. They are an active and important factor in dealing with the living conditions of the Island and in exterminating pests.

Bank and Trading Company The Bank and Trading Company afford an opportunity for instruction in practical business methods, with valuable lessons in thrift, economy, and business integrity. Each boy must adjust his expenditures to his means and learn to spend wisely.

Beacon The Beacon, the School paper published monthly, is of great value in furnishing a practical outlet for the English work in the schoolroom, and carries to their friends and the friends of the School the story of the Boys' interests and activities.

Boys' Gardens Each boy has a flower garden in which he may plant what seeds he pleases and arrange them to suit his fancy. Prizes are given at the end of the season for the best general results and excellence in the care of these gardens.

Athletics Regular schedules of athletic contests in the three major sports of baseball, basketball, and football are conducted. The boys elect four captains at the beginning of each season who in turn select four teams. The boys also participate in track, field sports, soccer, tennis, volley ball, hockey, swimming, and rowing.

Entertainment One evening each week is devoted to a moving picture program at the school. Other educational and entertainment programs are conducted frequently such as lectures, concerts, parties, beach suppers, and special holiday programs. Excursions and trips are taken by groups of boys for educational and entertainment purposes.

Vacations and Friends' Days There are seven weeks of vacation, one week after the summer, fall and winter terms, and four weeks at the close of the school year in June. During the summer vacation, boys are given a leave of absence of one week to visit their relatives and friends. Boys do not spend other vacations or holidays away from the school. Friends' Days occur about once each month from May to November. On these days friends and relatives of the boys may visit them by way of the Nantasket steamer. Notice of the dates are sent from the school to interested persons. Upon arrival at the island, the friends are escorted to the front lawn by the boys, with the freedom of the ample grounds and are entertained by the boys in groups about the lawns, groves, or in the boys' cottages.

Prizes Friends of the School annually contribute the following prizes; Shaw Conduct Prizes, \$50 given by Mr. Francis Shaw; \$25 given each six months in ten prizes from \$1.00 to \$5.00 for good conduct. Temple Consolation Prizes; consisting of five books given to five pupils by Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell as consolation prizes for boys not eligible for the Shaw Prizes. Grew Garden Prizes \$25.00 divided in ten prizes ranging from \$1.00 to \$5.00 given by Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby, for the best general result in the care of flower gardens. Crosby shields and individual cups are given by Manager S. V. R. Crosby. Silver shields are given each year to the teams winning the series in baseball and football. Silver cups are given to the fourteen best players in both baseball and football each year. Sears shield and individual cups are given in basketball by Manager Philip S. Sears. A silver shield is given to the team winning the greatest number of games scheduled for the season. Silver cups are given to the seven best players.



Chester Franklin Wright and Donald Ray Wright, brothers, typify the average Farm and Trades School boy.

Guernsey Pure Bred Herd

Growing boys need liberal quantities of pure milk. Realizing that there is no better than pure Guernsey milk with its high per cent of butter fat, great quantity of solids, and rich yellow color, the school selected the Guernsey breed of cows as the source of supply.

During the summer of 1927, we built a new cattle barn of the most approved type and construction. It is ideal for its purpose and worthy of its place in a high class herd used for clean production and school purposes.

In the fall of 1927 we began to re-stock our herd with Guernseys from the best breeders' and producers' herds known to the fawn and white. The following herds supplied individuals of merit from high producing lines of pure breds;

Meredith Farm owned by Mr. Edward Wigglesworth--6

Turner Hill Farm owned by Mr C. G. Rice--4

Argilla Farm owned by Mr. S. M. Merrill--2

Rambleton Farm owned by Mr. H. L. Tinkham--2

Roughwood Farm owned by Mr Ernest B. Dane--2

Langwater Farm owned by Mr. John S. Ames--1

We now have 29 pure bred Guernseys and 8 high grades, 6 of which are sired by one of Langwater's finest bulls and the other two are this bull's granddaughters and sired by a young Meredith bull.

The School may be justly proud of its dairy equipment and its foundation stock from the fawn and white breed. Frequently tests are being applied to be certain that we have entirely eliminated tuberculosis and contagious abortion from the herd at Thompson's Island.

Poultry

The poultry department at the Farm and Trades School has always been one of the minor branches of instruction. This year we have destroyed all of the old equipment, including the one small house of antiquated design and the boys are now building a brooder house of 60 feet by 20 feet and installing Sherandoah heating apparatus. This will accommodate 2000 chickens. The boys are also building a laying house 140 feet by 20 feet large enough to keep 600 laying hens.

A poultry instructor has recently been added to the staff and he is supervising the boys on this construction job and will have complete responsibility of this department.



Clarence H. DeMar A. A.

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Rightly called,

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Alumni Association

The Alumni Association of The Farm and Trades School was formed in April 1897. It is a strong force for helpful work in assisting the School in the welfare of its graduates and in co-operating in its needs. Its object is

“To maintain and increase the interest of those who have been pupils of The Farm and Trades School, and in each other and in the School.”

The Association is represented on the Board of Managers by three members, Thomas J. Evans, '64, Walter B. Foster, '78, and Alden B. Heffler, '87.

An annual dinner is held on the second Wednesday in January which is attended by the Managers, members of the school staff and other guests. A semi-annual meeting is held in May and the annual Field Day at the School in June.

At the One Hundredth Anniversary of the School in 1914, the Alumni contributed \$1,700 to be known as the Alumni Fund; “The income to be used as deemed most judicious by the Board of Managers.” This fund now amounts to \$9,033.00.

The present officers of the Association are:

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Printing the Beacon

The Beacon, our School paper, is the big job we print in the Printing Office. It is printed once a month. Two or three times a year the issues are twenty pages or more, the other issues are eight pages.

The Beacon articles originate in the schoolrooms, where we write the articles as part of our English work. They are corrected by our teacher, after which we copy them. They are then sent to the Printing Office where the best articles are selected, and corrected once more. Before the printing of the paper the material is approved by Mr. Meacham.

The articles for the Beacon are set at 16 ems in a ten point type called Recut Caslon. The titles and authors names are set in ten and eight point New Caslon. Except for two or three lines the Caslon type is the only type used in the paper.

When the articles are set in type they make about five galleys of type. These galleys are corrected on the proof press. When the corrections have been made the type is ready to be made into pages.

Making the Beacon pages is very interesting. Extreme care must be taken to have the pages exactly the right measurements. The pages are made up in two columns, and they are 33 ems wide. Each column is 16 ems wide with

one em in the center of the page.

When the pages are made up they are placed on a stone. The next job is the stonework and imposition that is, to get the pages into a chase so that they may be put in the press and printed. The pages are locked up in two forms, so that the printing is accomplished four pages at a time.

When the forms are put in the press the most difficult part of the work commences. The type must be made to print clean and clear. To do this we "make ready." This process is packing, and underlaying the type so that it may print properly. Lead guides are put on the tympan sheet, where the paper is to be printed, and we are ready to start printing the Beacon.

When the Beacon is all printed it is folded properly and saddle stitched on a wire binder. It is then trimmed and taken to the office where it is mailed to the subscribers.

Printing the Beacon is a thoroughly interesting piece of work, as it has so many different operations which must be done with extreme care if the paper is to be printed successfully.

Almon H. Whitmore II

Stamp Collections

Lately the boys have been making stamp collections. The largest is about two thousand stamps. This collection is owned by Edward W. Nelson.

The next largest is about one thousand seven hundred stamps owned by Albert and William Thompson. There are many other collections that are large.

When we wish to send away for stamps we put in a request slip telling what stamps we would like. After we have permission we send away to places all over the country for stamps we want.

Stamps are very interesting. We learn of different countries that we never heard about, also the different names of money used in other countries.

It is interesting trying to get ahead of the other fellow, so one can have the honor of having the best collection.

Karl R. Adams III

Working on the Farm

One Saturday the Supervisor told me to go down and work on the farm. I went down and reported to the Instructor there. He told me to work in the cow barn.

Here I swept the floor and cleaned the cattle until half-past eleven.

Gerald P. AuClaire VI

Seal Rock

My regular duty is to clean the Band Hall. One morning when I was doing this I looked out a window and glanced about the harbor. I saw a large rock and noticed a strange black object on the stone. Seagulls were flying all around it and I watched it for about ten minutes. Then it turned and I saw that it was a seal.

Later I learned that the rock that the seal was on is called "Seal Rock."

Edward F. Navin VI

Conduct Prizes

At a recent Grade Reading Mr. Meacham awarded the conduct prizes. These prizes are given by Mr. Francis Shaw and Mr. N. Penrose Hallowell. All of the boys try hard to earn these prizes, and they are greatly appreciated.

Those who received the first ten prizes were awarded money prizes given by Mr. Shaw. Their names are:

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| First Prize | Nelson W. Pratt |
| Second Prize | John D. MacGregor |
| Third Prize | Ernest D. Newton |
| Fourth Prize | James E. Douglas |
| Fifth Prize | Harold E. Floyd |
| Sixth Prize | Kenneth B. Johnson |
| Seventh Prize | Henry A. Schramm |
| Eighth Prize | Richard L. Bolingbroke |
| Ninth Prize | Leslie W. Brown |
| Tenth Prize | Howard L. Walker |

Those who received the Tempie Consolation Prizes, given by Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell were as follows:

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| Eleventh Prize | Eugene R. Lurchin |
| Twelfth Prize | Gordon K. Baxter |
| Thirteenth Prize | Carl E. Harden |
| Fourteenth Prize | Ellsworth E. Hills |
| Fifteenth Prize | Charles W. Hixson |

Leslie W. Brown II

The New Cottage

Last spring the Felice cottage was torn down because it had grown so old that it was beyond repair. Two other boys and I are building a new cottage. The new cottage is larger and finer than any other cottage on Cottage Row. It has a very large bay-window, besides nine other windows. It also has a fine, spacious piazza. We hope to have our cottage completed before spring. We

have named it the "Bayview."

Building a cottage is interesting work as well as good training in wood-working.

Albert H. Thompson III

A Boat Trip

One Saturday morning the regular band went out for practice. When we had been practicing about an hour the Leviathan came in for a new propeller shaft. Everybody crowded to the windows to see the big boat and the tugs that were towing her in. When we sat down again and quiet was restored Mr. Bemis looked at his watch and announced that he had to make a boat trip. He took players of the baritones, drums, and trombones with him.

We went to City Point and got a large load of lumber for our new poultry house.

Thomas W. Eastty III

A Picture

In the Second Schoolroom there is a picture of George Washington on a white horse. Washington looks as though he is giving orders to his army. He has a sword in his hand and is pointing it forward. In the background of the picture are some dark clouds which look like rain clouds with a little light showing through them. This picture is very good and we are glad to have it in our schoolroom.

Douglas C. Taylor III

Magazines

Last Sunday, the Supervisor brought a number of magazines from the reading room to distribute among the boys. Some of them were Motor Boating, National Geographic, Youths Companion, The Country Gentleman,

and others. We enjoyed them very much.

Ellsworth E. Hills IV

Our Club

In our class we have organized a Byrd Club. We save all late reports about Commander Byrd and his party in the Antarctic exploration. Every Friday we read the articles we have collected.

The officers are as follows: Richard L. Bolingbroke President, Benjamin F. Middleton Vice-President, Ernest D. Newton Secretary. The board of directors are as follows: Forrest E. Haskell, James E. Douglas, Charles J. Hardman. These are the boys who read and save the articles.

Forrest E. Haskell IV

My Work in the Office

Every morning, at half-past seven I go to the office. The first thing I do is to sweep and dust Mr. Meacham's office. I then sweep and dust the main office and the reading room. Next I empty the waste baskets, shine the brass, and clean the furniture and woodwork with liquid veneer. My duty is also to file bills and requisitions. I am learning to use the addressograph and adding machine.

Charles W. Hixson IV

My Work

I work in the kitchen and I like it very much. My work there is changed once each week. There are four different things I do. One week I am pantry boy, the next dish washer, then dish wiper, and then table boy.

Arthur H. Pickard VI

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Isn't life a most facinating and extremely interesting study? And growing things, animals (including humans) and plant life make up the heart of this study.

Human life and activity form the center within this calyx of wonder. The unfolding and development of the child is marvelous and even miraculous.

Nothing is more interesting than to see our boys grow physically, mentally and spiritually. Frequently we "smart" at the sting given by youth but we must each time bring back to mind that we were once of the same age and also that all must repeat the same process of development by experimenting. We can't in youth, or even in adult life, take everything that is said as the ultimatum in the decisions of life.

Do we ever cease to gather what we think we need for the present and future and plan how it is to be used? The carpenter has in his mind the idea of the structure he is to build, then gathers his materials about him and proceeds to fit together the thousands of pieces at hand and finally completes an edifice of value for its purpose.

The adult can see that it would be highly profitable for youth to abide by the ideas of the adult and to listen to their advice and instructions of how to live but youth says, "No, that is too abstract. I must experiment and receive definite, concrete ideas." Imagine the infinite value of such a condition of youth always listening to the wise adult advice. There would then be very little need for legislation and courts and no necessity for correctional institutions and very little call for assistance to the poor. But it is only a dream and very unlikely.

We must continue much as before and work on the general premise that youth will select and collect his materials much as he selects and makes a stamp collection. He who has the greatest interest and is most persistent will have the most complete book of stamps. We adults must continually strive to arouse youth's interest, put the material before him, surround him with adults who by example present concrete object lessons, make available a variety of the particles of life in order that youth may select what he needs and learn by practise how to use them. Understanding, love, and example are the most essential qualifications of the expert teacher. One must understand every individual in the group. The teacher must love those he strives to teach and set the example by living every truth he wishes the pupil to copy.

Topics in Brief

The annual winter vacation extended from Christmas to January third. Skating and basketball were the principal vacation sports.

On January 2 the practical training was changed for many of the boys. This change is usually made three times each year.

Skating was greatly enjoyed over the holidays. On January 4 a skating party was held in the evening, which most of the boys attended. Skating parties with the traditional bonfire in the evening are a pleasant diversion, and are keenly anticipated.

A breakdown in our power plant on January 18 caused us to use power from the Quincy Electric Company for the first

time. This power comes to us over large cables from Squantum and is transformed into 110 volts for lighting and 220 volts for motors. The work of installing new motors will be commenced at once. It is expected that this huge task will be completed by about March 15.

An illustrated lecture, made possible with stereopticon slides was given Sunday evening January 6. The lecture told in a vivid manner the story of the growth of the Christian religion. The lecture also pointed the necessity of Christian religion in several of the backward countries of the world.

Captain Arthur W. French of the Harvard football team visited the School recently. Mr. French told the boys some of his football experiences, which were, of course, extremely interesting and greatly enjoyed. A basketball game was played by two picked teams, and the Band played a few selections during the evening.

Cottage Row Government, the pioneer boys' government, held its election on January 8. Twenty citizens were nominated and placed on the ballot. The following citizens were elected: Roy V. Towne, Mayor; Darwin L. Chapdelaine, Roger L. Holton, Nelson W. Pratt, Kenneth B. Johnson, and Allen B. Scott, Aldermen; Henry M. Caswell, Treasurer; Henry E. Hallman, Assessor.

The Annual Alumni Dinner was held in the Hotel Bellevue on January 9. Superintendent William M. Meacham, Elwin C. Bemis, '16, Clifton E. Albee, '21, William F. Anderson, '25, Harold E. Floyd '29, and Warren N. Pratt '29, attended from the school.

Fifty mattresses have been purchased recently and put to use.

The well known hockey player, Mr. "Reg" Mackey, of the Boston Tigers visited us during the month. Mr. Mackey gave a hockey stick to the school hockey players, to be used as the boys desired. Naturally the visit of Mr. Mackey gave much pleasure. Mr. Mackey's stories of hockey proved thoroughly interesting.

The Cottage Row Judicial Department held a Superior Court trial on January 31. Judge Henry A. Schramm presided.

The basketball season began early this month. The following boys were elected as captains of the four teams: Team A, Allen B. Scott; Team B, Howitt R. Warren; Team C, Arthur C. Brown; Team D, Roy V. Towne.

Visitors at the School this month included Messrs. Charles W. Allen, Reginald Mackey, and Managers Edmund Q. Sylvester and Edward Wigglesworth.

Six hogs were butchered this month, representing 2065 pounds, dressed. 500 pounds of corn was also shelled from the cob.

Steel frames to hold the printed names and other information of our cattle have been installed over each stanchion in the cattle barn. Upon each card is printed the animal's registered name and number, her sire and dam's registered name and number and the date of the animals birth.

Work on the new poultry equipment is progressing very rapidly and it is expected that the plant will be ready for operation about the middle of March.

January Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 60° on the sixth.

Minimum Temperature 4° below zero on the thirteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 27°.

Twenty-one clear days, four partly cloudy, six cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Dec. 1878

As Kept by the Superintendent

During the month but little of note has transpired. It has been very quiet if we except our Christmas jollities.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Dec. 1838

As Kept by the Superintendent

4th William Harrington was returned, or rather returned himself. Owing most probably to bad advisers he fancied that he was not treated well and without the knowledge of his master. Adam Banting of Waltham was returned on account of the decease of his Master, Deacon Brown.

7th Received a visit from William Adam Esq., a distinguished Philanthropist from India. He was much pleased with the Institution.

13th William Roagers aged 13 came to the Island as a boarder.

27th Deacon Grant made us a visit; spent the day: examined the School, etc.

29th Benjamin Cobbett Frobisher entered the Institution as a pay scholar.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Jan. 1879

As Kept by the Superintendent

One more year has passed away. We have been borne along on its resistless current so swiftly that we scarce noted its flight until the end came. But what of its results? In the great trial balance how

will the transactions of the year stand with us? Have we been "faithful servants" – and shall we be allowed the great happiness of entering into the "joy of our Lord?" While faithfully endeavoring to do our duty as in the constant right of God – our human frailties have doubtless often led us away from the right path and and thus cast many a shadow over the otherwise bright record of our work. May "God be merciful to us" – and "blot out our transgressions" and accept our feeble efforts to serve him for Christ's sake.

We begin the New Year with the hope that it may be one of success to this school and all therewith connected.

2nd Went to city this morning via City Point. Mr. M. M. Day who has worked on the farm during the year went to go to his home in Burlington, Vermont. Ralph Trimm goes to visit his friends in Scituate.

6th Went to city at noon via Point in Dory, taking Tobey with me to help row. Carried bills to Mr. Bowditch and report to G. L. DeBlois.

7th Last night was very cold and this morn the bay was full of ice. Mr. Brown, Tobey, Mckensie and self crossed to Point. John Mckensie discharged to go with his brother into the law office of Mr. Henry Suten. A good opening for the boy. Paid for his pants \$3.00 and shoes \$2.00–\$5.00.

10th A nice day. Wind west, ground covered with snow. Trimm and self went over in the dory boat completed my settlement with the treasurer. Sent to L. M. Harden for stockings \$59.50 and paid for horse shoeing at shop of So. Boston M. R. R. \$2.50 and for shoes to set \$1.00.

22nd The weather for the last few days has been cold and stormy and last

eve the bay was filled with slush. Hard to get a boat through and was some snow falling. Yet through it James Hutchinson with Capt. Bibben and son came at much risk to appraise us of the severe sickness of our boy at Amherst, Mass. from rheumatic fever. I must go to him at once. I leave Boston at eleven o'clock.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Jan. 1839

As Kept by the Superintendent

There was no record kept during this month.

The New Boiler

Recently a new boiler was brought to the Power House. This boiler is a small upright fire tube boiler, being about three feet in diameter and about eight feet high. It has eight horse power. This boiler is expected to supply hot water and steam for the laundry.

The boiler has been set up on its base and most of the pipe fittings and other work has been accomplished.

Roy V. Towne II

A Stranded Boat

One Saturday night we had a storm and the next day we noticed a freighter stranded not far from the north end of our Island. It was an ordinary freighter, the kind which we see going and coming up the harbor every day.

That afternoon our religious instructor, Mr. Wallace, took us for a walk around the beach. The tide was quite low and we could see the propellers of the freighter from the beach.

About nine o'clock the next day the freighter was pulled off the beach and proceeded farther into the harbor.

Stanley V. Burlingame IV

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THOMPSON'S ISLAND

LEROY S. KENFIELD, '89, has composed a march for military band called "Second to None". Mr. Kenfield is the author and composer of several methods and technical studies for the trombone and baritone. He has been a member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra for many years.

ALFRED C. MALM, '00, was recently elected President of the Melrose Y. M. C. A.

On a recent radio broadcast of news dispatches an interesting story was told about LESLIE R. JONES, ex '01, camera man for the Boston Herald. Mr. Jones and a New York camera man while going home one evening observed a motor car burning. One assisted the passenger, a lady, from the car while the other rang in a fire alarm. The cameras then began to click and Mr. Jones and his friend not only proved of assistance in time of need but also made several fine fire pictures.

THEODORE B. HADLEY, '21 entered his fourth year at the Bangor Theological Seminary last September.

WALDO E. LIBBY, '22, is playing in a vaudeville act on the Orpheum-Albee Circuit. Most of his work is done on his trumpet, but he also has other parts in many scenes of the act. Many of his friends were glad to see him at Loew's State Theater a few weeks ago.

RAYMOND H. MCQUESTEN, '25 has a splendid position with the Morey

Decorative Studios in Boston. His address is 262 Columbus Avenue.

EDWARD E. FLOYD '25 is employed as a shipping clerk in the Raymonds store in Boston. His brother FRANCIS E., '27 is doing orchestra work in and around Boston.

CLARENCE E. HOBSON, '25 is employed as a draftsman by the Edison Electric Illuminating Company. He is also attending evening classes at North Eastern University.

HENRY E. GILCHRIST, '26 is living at 314 Beacon Street. He is employed by a restaurant company in Boston.

BURTON DORMAN, '27, is employed at the South Boston plant of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston. He is living at 621 Fifth Street, South Boston.

CLARENCE H. MCLENNA, '27, recently began work in the office of Manager Charles P. Curtis. He plans to continue his education at night school.

CHESTER W. BUCHAN, '21, is employed by the Boston Music Company. He has been with this company for some time. His brother HAROLD B. BUCHAN '21, is a salesman for the Proctor Marble Company of Proctor Vermont.

RALPH I. SWAN, '27, recently began work at the Blue Bird restaurant in Boston.



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King Phillip's War

On February 22nd the annual King Phillip's War took place. Early in the morning all thoughts were turned to the crucial moment of the start.

As snow had fallen the day and night before we had a foot and a half of snow over the entire island. The wind had blown a good deal of the snow into drifts and it was in some of these drifts that the forts were made.

Everyone was dismissed by nine o'clock and the two sides went to their respective positions and began building their forts. The snow was a dry snow and it was very hard to mold it into a fort that could stand many attacks. By eleven-thirty two forts had been made by adding water to the snow to keep it hard and together.

After dinner one side, the Settlers, went to the Gymnasium and the Indians went to the Washroom to don their war paint.

About two o'clock everybody came together in the gymnasium to get the last bit of instruction, inspect and count the bags and receive banners. The Settlers had a red flag and the Indians had a yellow one.

At two-fifteen o'clock ten boys from each side made the dash for the the bags on the beach by the Observatory. Out

of that scramble the Settlers got nineteen bags and the Indians got thirteen bags. These were immediately rushed to the forts.

The Settlers followed the Indians to their camp and attacked it. Although the Settlers did not take any bags they left the fort a wreck. The Indians took their bags and hid them.

As soon as the Indians' fort was attacked and demolished all attention was turned to the Settlers' fort which was built behind the Compost Shed. This fort was eight or nine feet high at the beginning of of the battle.

Many hard attacks were made against the round snow structure by the Indians.

The Settlers had already received their second supply of bags making the total number of bags twenty-eight giving two more than was necessary to win the battle.

After three-quarters of an hour of incessant hammering the fort began to grow weaker. Finally two Indians got inside but they were hastily taken care of before any harm was done.

With about half an hour more to play the cold grew more intense and still the Indians relentlessly increased their attacks. The fort was about waist high now and one Indian jumped completely over one side and dropped in but he was easily

taken care of by the Colonist Army.

At four o'clock the bell rang ending the fighting and calling both sides to the house.

The bags were eagerly counted as they came in and it was found that the Settlers had won 28-23.

General Warren of the Settlers invited King Phillip (George A. Taylor) and his warriors to the feast.

The Settlers led by a small band went to the Stock Room and received the trophy and marched to the Gymnasium where Indian and Settler intermingled and partook of candy, cookies, bananas, oranges and so forth.

All felt that it was a great day and a great fight, but we were pretty tired.

Warren N. Pratt I

A Trip to the Theatre

On February 16, about 28 boys had the pleasure of attending a play at the Repertory Theatre. The name of the play was "Red and Black". It was very interesting and was greatly enjoyed by us. It centered on a mysterious Russian treasure. Only a certain Russian knew the secret hiding place. The methods the men used to get the key word out of him were exciting. After awhile he told a friend where the treasure was and his friend secured it. We wish to thank those who made it possible for us to enjoy this play.

Ralph W. Milliken III

A Basketball Game

After dinner last Saturday Mr. Meacham announced that our basketball team would play against a picked team from the Lexington Chapter of DeMolay on which team one of our graduates was to play. The visiting team came here about one o'clock and the game started

about two o'clock. The visiting team's captain was ill and could not come. Cecil A. Morse, '28, acted as captain.

The outstanding players for the two teams were Morse for the visiting team and Leslie Brown for the School Team.

The score at the close of the game was School 49 points and DeMolay 17.

The boys like to play outside teams very much.

Benjamin F. Middleton IV

A Hockey Game

About two weeks ago on Saturday a number of us boys shovelled the snow from the ice in preparation for an afternoon game of hockey. We had a large hockey rink ready by noon.

When we went to the rink after dinner the ice had melted a little, so we swept the slush off. Next, two sides were chosen and the game commenced. The sides were evenly matched and the game was exciting. Towards five o'clock, the ice hardened and the skating was very good. I played wing.

We all had a good time.

Albert H. Thompson III

The Leviathan Drydocks

The S. S. Leviathan which comes in to the South Boston Drydock several times a year to be overhauled has been in twice this month. She came in the first time this year on January 20 and went out February 1. As she was leaving one of the propeller shafts was found defective. It was not considered serious enough to turn back, so they continued on as they were scheduled to go to New York and then to South Hampton.

Several days ago it came in under the guidance of Commander E. F. Enwright of the United States Navy. It

seemed to be going faster than usual. We were all wondering why it should come in so soon again. After a day or two we read some newspaper items which told that the boat had a defective propeller shaft. It was made ready for the casting of a new shaft and the replacement took fourteen hours. It left Monday with Commodore Cunningham and Captain Bailey on the Bridge.

Richard L. Henderson V

A Privilege

On Sunday February 10, our Band went to Tremont Temple to play at the Brotherhood meeting of that church. We left the Island about ten o'clock and boarded a bus at City Point which took us to the church.

We waited outside for a few minutes. We were then escorted to a small balcony where we began to get ready to play. The Band under the direction of Mr. Frank L. Warren played an overture, The Princess of India and two marches, Shrine of Liberty and the National Emblem. Our Superintendent spoke to the people there and told them all about the School. Our brass quartet also played some selections.

The program was broadcast from WSSH.

George G. Hamilton III

Valentine Dance

On February 14 we had a dance given by Cottage Row Government. All the shareholders, first graders, and officers were invited. There were about twenty dances and an intermission. During this intermission we had punch, ice cream and cookies. We had a good time and danced for nearly three hours.

Wallace C. Allen V

Threshing Beans

One rainy afternoon when we could not work outside the farm boys threshed beans. First we procured the beans from the storage barn. We next spread them out on the floor, threshed them with our flails until the beans were free from their pods.

We then took the vines away and the beans were left on the floor. They were then shovelled into a barrel.

The next process was winnowing. This is done on a fairly windy day. The beans are held in the air above the barrel and are let fall into the barrel. The wind blows the chaff and dirt away, leaving the beans clean.

Darwin Chapdelaine III

A Snow Storm

A few days ago there was very little snow on the ground. One night it started snowing and it snowed all night and the next day. In the evening it stopped. In many places there was two and three feet on the ground. We all like snow. It affords an opportunity to coast, ski and toboggan.

Albert H. Thompson III

The New Drums

A short time ago we were pleased to learn that the School had bought two new drums. The shells are maple and painted black. The snares are red. Instead of ropes as we had on the old drums, these new drums have steel rods with thumb screws which are used to tighten the drum.

These new drums add a great deal to the appearance and efficiency of the drum section.

George G. Hamilton III

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This article is composed of extracts from the Superintendent's talk at the last Alumni Banquet.

During the past year the school has

constructed a new electrical power line connecting the island with current from the mainland and installed new motors to accommodate the change from D. C. to A. C. current. The line is composed of underground and submarine cable which has been completely laid by the boys and regular instructors.

The herd of Guernsey cattle has rapidly progressed and we now have thirty-seven head of this breed, twenty-seven being pure bred Guernseys.

\$4,000 has been spent on permanent repairs of the wharf. The usual amount of general repairing and a large amount of painting has been done about the main building.

A new poultry program has been launched and buildings are now under way for the accommodation of 2,000 chickens and 600 laying hens. This department will be maintained and utilized in much greater proportion and more completely than ever before in the history of the school.

A new refrigerator plant will be installed in the main building before the summer months. This will be of Frigidaire construction and will cost about \$4,000.

My hopes for the school in the immediate future is homes for the boys. This is commonly called the Cottage System and is recommended by the United States Bureau of Child Welfare as well as every other progressive educator and social worker. I want for these fine, manly, wonderful, worthy boys the things of which they have been deprived; a real home, Christain enviroment, training, and a good education. To do this I want excellent adequate helpers and a cottage for every twenty boys; a cottage which will be nearly real home with the proper living

facilities very similar to every American home of average financial means.

You might say these boys receive as much or more than you did when you were boys at the school, but neither is this an argument because all over this country every home, business, hospital, and school is much more advanced than a few years ago. If you were deprived of your automobile and told to use vehicles which were used when you were a child, you would be decidedly adverse to such an arrangement. A similar citation could be made of all of the other modern conveniences and living conditions within the home and the advance which they have undergone during the past few years. Our school should receive attention and improvements in the same proportion.

We, particularly parents, blame the school for the shortcomings of our children and many blame the church. The real truth of the matter, however, whenever our boys or girls go wrong, or at least in probably ninety-five per cent of the cases, the fault lies in the home. It is conceded that the home is the most important factor in the rearing of children. The school and church are very important and, of course, should receive special attention. The church is acknowledged to be of fundamental importance and, therefore, should receive especial consideration at The Farm and Trades School since we supply it. But what about the home? Has this been given much thought at our school? What is the home? What is home to your child? Father, mother, guidance, continual personal attention, example, surroundings, and contact instrumental in the building of character and ideals.

Our boys, as well as the hundreds and thousands to follow should have as much of these things as possible. You would

fight to the last "ditch" for your baby or child or that one nearest and dearest to your heart. There is nothing you wouldn't give for your loved ones. You give all. Do unto others as you would have others do unto you, and yours. With the Golden Rule as a guide you can greatly assist this little school down the harbor with its 115 years of tradition and pioneer developments to continue to press forward and not only be a wonderful home and school for many boys who pass through its portals each year, but can also be far famed and well known not only in Boston and Massachusetts and New England, but all over this country, as one of the finest and most modern private schools for worthy boys in the land.

Topics in Brief

On February 23, a basketball team representing the Lexington Chapter of the Order of DeMolay came here to play our team in basketball. Cecil A. Morse, '28, was acting captain for the Lexington team. Allen B. Scott captained the School team. The School won 49-17.

The officers of Cottage Row Government gave a Valentine Dance on the evening of February 14. Property owners and the boys in the first grade were invited.

The traditional "King Phillip's War" was celebrated this year on Washington's Birthday. Howitt R. Warren captained the Colonists army, while George A. Taylor was "King Phillip." The Settlers bested the Indians 28-23.

The Band accepted an invitation to play at Tremont Temple on February 10. The boys played a descriptive overture, several marches and the school quartet

played two numbers. This took place at the regular meeting of the Tremont Temple Brotherhood. It was broadcast from the radio station W S S H.

Portions of our dikes have been repaired this month. Repairs have also been made on many of our farm wagons.

Basketball was the major sport this month. The games have been very well played and the general interest has been very keen. On March first Teams A and C were tied for the Shield. This Shield is awarded the championship team by Manager Philip S. Sears.

A special stain was applied to the floor of our Dining Room on February 8. A second coat was applied later. It is expected that this stain will abolish much work in keeping the floor clean, and will also be very sanitary.

The weather has been very fine this month. We had very little snow until February 21. On this day eight inches fell, the largest snow fall of the winter.

The cement work on our new poultry plant was started on February 6.

The rudder line on the PILGRIM was renewed on February 7.

Our meteorological instruments were overhauled on February 18.

February Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 54° on the eighteenth.

Minimum Temperature 13° above zero on the nineteenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 32°.

Eighteen clear days, two partly cloudy, eight cloudy.

Afternoon Steamer Work

The afternoon crew of our Steamer the PILGRIM are kept busy most of the

year keeping the boat and other floating equipment in good repair. Their work consists of painting, setting glass, renewing boards on floats, keeping row boats in good order, cleaning boathouse, and keeping the Wharf in order. We also keep the lighting system on the steamer in order. There are a great many minor jobs that come up during the afternoon that also require attention.

Howitt R. Warren I

Playing Marbles

A few days ago we started playing marbles. We use the locker room and assembly room. When we have good weather we play outside.

John W. Russell I

Hotbeds

One afternoon Mr. Baird and I went to the south side of the Root Cellar where there are four hotbeds. The day before Mr. Khilstrom and Gordon Whalen had dug out the old manure and put fresh manure and loam in. We will use this hotbed for flowers. We fixed another hotbed the same way for cabbages. The other two will also be for vegetables.

Benjamin Mende I

New Toothbrush Racks

A short time ago the boys in the woodworking shop made three tooth brush racks. These racks are made of white cedar, about twenty four inches long and eighteen inches wide. Each rack holds thirty four tooth brushes. The boys' numbers are placed above the hooks which hold the tooth brushes. There are two doors on each rack. The racks are painted white and screwed on the wall of the washroom in a convenient place.

Harold E. Floyd I

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Alumni Dinner

The twenty-third annual dinner of the Alumni was held on Wednesday evening, January 9th, with an attendance of seventy-one.

President Alfred C. Malm, '00, after a speech of welcome introduced President Arthur Adams of the Board of Managers of the School. Mr. Adams gave a brief review of things of interest at the School leaving out all figures. The graduate coming the greatest distance was next called on, Warner E. Spear, '14 of New York City. Marathon King Clarence H. DeMar, '03 then gave us a little inside information regarding the trip to the Olympic races.

Superintendent of the School William M. Meacham was next called upon and as usual gave us plenty of food for thought. The Alumni have requested that his remarks be published in a later Beacon so we suggest that the graduates who were unable to be at the dinner make sure to read this. It would not hurt those who attended to read it over.

Big Brother, "Bob" Emery, '12 of Station W E E I, The Edison Company of Boston, was next presented as he needed no introducing. As part of the program we were shown moving pictures of behind the microphone starting with the Tower Health exercises at 6:45 a. m. Later his own part of the daily broadcasting was shown. Then we heard from the W E E I Joy Spreaders in a musical entertainment. We were pleased to have with us our oldest graduate, James H. Partridge, '57 of Norwood, Mass., now 84. Another graduate coming from some distance was Ernest M. Catton, '11

of New London, Conn. We are always glad to see some of the former instructors of the School and this year we were favored with the presence of former Superintendent, Paul F. Swasey and former Sloyd Instructor, Charles E. Littlefield. The attendance was as follows:

Managers and Guests

President Arthur Adams
Manager George L. DeBlois
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Treasurer N. Penrose Hallowell
Manager Henry Jackson, M. D.
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Harold E. Floyd, '29
Warren N. Pratt, '29

Alumni

William Alcott, '84
Clifton E. Albee, '21
William F. Anderson, '25,
Elwin C. Bemis, '16
Robert B. Blantener, '97
Charles H. Bridgham, '84
Frank G. Bryant, '94
Chester W. Buchan, '21
Alton B. Butler, '26
Edward Capaul, '05
Carl A. Carlson, '28
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 Ralph H. Gilbert, '16
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 L. W. B. Haufyard, '21
 Clarence P. Hobson, '25
 Alfred W. Jacobs, '10
 Ernest N. Jorgenson, '08
 Leroy S. Kenfield, '82
 Howard F. Lochrie, '16
 Robert MacKay, '05
 Donald S. MacPherson, '17
 Earle C. Marshall, '10
 Thomas G. McCarragher, '07
 Clarence H. McLenna, '27
 Cecil A. Morse, '28
 Harold D. Morse, '12
 William A. Morse, '76
 George G. Noren, '02
 Walter D. Norwood, '05
 James H. Partridge, '57
 George O. Poole, '27
 Charles O. Rolfe, '15
 John H. Schippers, '21
 Roger K. Smith, '23
 Warner E. Speare, '14
 Howard H. Sturtevant, '24
 Ralph I. Swan, '27
 Frederick P. Thayer, '03
 Raymond Thomas, '26
 William N. West, '28
 Samuel L. Whitehead, '23
 Ivers E. Winmill, '25
 Ernest V. Wyatt, '13
 William L. Young, '28

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Feb. 1879

As Kept by the Superintendent

10th I returned from Amherst today bringing my son with me, it being the first time since I left home that he has been able to be moved. The Protector kindly brought us from the city.

11th Went up on the Protector to meet the trustees, came home the same way.

13th Mr. J. R. Morse, Emma Harvie and Joseph Clark went to city.

15th Cool. 10° above 0. P. M. warmer, Mr. Dunbar and Miss Gamwell

went to city. A calf with six legs was born last night. The extra legs are attached to the back just above the shoulders and hang down on either side. The calf is of pure jersey stock, is healthy and certainly is a great curiosity.

19th It continues to snow and yet there is much slush in the bay. Mr. Brown and self went to city, it taking an hour and a quarter to cross on account of the storm.

22nd A good deal of ice in the bay which partly went out with the wind. Mr. J. R. Morse went to city about 4 P. M. to pass the night. Gave my family a ride in the double sleigh and celebrated the day as well as we could.

25th This morning perfectly calm but the bay full of floating ice. Sat. the signal for the Protector went up at 2 P. M. and got articles for house. Got home at 5 o'clock in a thick snow storm.

26th Mr. DeBlois visited us today coming on the Protector.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Feb. 1839

As Kept by the Superintendent

11th George M. Bibbey left the institution indented to Mr. Wilder of Hingham — farmer and basket maker.

17th Timothy Horace Sydstone entered the Farm School.

28th Messrs. Grant, Gould, Rogers, and Cobb visited the Island this day, examined the house, school, etc.

Number of Boys in institution at the close of this month 100. All in good condition.

At the courtesy of one of our Instructors a group of boys were privileged to visit several of the important places in Boston. These included the Charlestown Navy Yard, the State House, and the Old State House.



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Gypsy Smith Meeting

Last Sunday a group of our boys had the privilege of going to the Boston Garden to hear the famous evangelist, Gypsy Smith. This famous man has preached the word of God in twenty-two countries.

The sermon last Sunday was mostly for men. The men were seated in the Arena part of the Garden.

The Governor of our State was given a hearty applause when he stepped onto the platform to introduce the speaker for the afternoon. Governor Allen said that he had one regret, which was the absence of Mrs. Allen. Governor Allen also said that our state was more than pleased to have Mr. Smith here to preach to us. When Governor Allen finished his welcome the service began with a song by the choir. Mr. Smith then asked a man to step onto the platform and offer praise to God. When the prayer was finished the evangelist read from the first Psalm of the Bible. After the reading Mr. Smith began his talk. It was based upon the way fathers treat their children. They are not loyal enough to them. They allow their children to see them in the stage of drunkenness and hear them swear, but these

children have never seen their fathers get on their knees and pray to God for forgiveness.

The boys were glad to have heard this man, and are grateful to those who made it possible. Mr. Smith's talk made a great impression upon us.

Charles L. Keller I

Getting the Wagons

A group of boys were told that we were to get two wagons that were over at City Point. We brought four gasoline drums, rope, nails and tools. Upon our arrival there we took the largest wagon and pushed it onto the beach. We then proceeded to put the gasoline drums under the wagon and take off the wheels. We were going to float the wagon across with gasoline drums underneath to act as pontoons.

When this was done the water was not deep enough to float the wagon, so we tied a rope from the stern of the steamer to the wagon. We then began to tow the wagon into deeper water. This was done very slowly because the wagon was dragging on the bottom. One end of drum stuck in the sand and turned the wagon completely over with the gasoline drums on top. By this time we were out into deeper water and the wagon floated

although nearly out of sight. We arrived on the other side without any more mishaps and left it on the beach so we could get it at low tide. We then returned to get the single dump which was small and could be put onto the steamer along with the wheels. Our second trip across was made easily and without difficulty.

Henry A. Schramm I

A Special Set of Stamps

A few years ago I became interested in stamps. Since that time several sets of stamps have come into my possession. These sets have supplied me with much enjoyment for many an evening.

Not long ago I purchased a set of Bosnia and Hersegovian stamps. The ten cent stamp had a picture of a landscape on it. The fifteen had the portrait of the new king. The last stamp, the twenty cent one, had portraits of the new king and queen.

A few days later when I was in the reading room I noticed two pictures which were particularly clear. I got out my stamp book and to my amazement those two pictures, which were of my grandmother and grandfather, looked very much like the pictures on the stamps.

Looking further into the matter, I found out that July 17, 1915 was the date the king and queen went into power, and also the date of the death of my grandmother.

This is just an incident to show what discoveries and fun I get from my stamps.

Robert W. Mitchell IV

The Navy Yard

Last Sunday one of our instructors took a number of boys to town to hear

Gypsy Smith. We enjoyed it very much. On our way to the Garden the smaller boys went in two automobiles. When we started to come back the ladies who were driving took us over to the Bunker Hill Monument. As it was closed, we went to the Navy Yard.

We were admitted by a uniformed attendant. We drove along to the Constitution drydock. Here we parked our cars and walked to a Coast Guard patrol boat, the C-G 12. As it was not quite time to close, we went on board. The ship was being overhauled, and amidships the deck was torn up. When I passed one of the open hatches I looked in and saw some of the men reading.

It was almost half past five and we had to leave and come down to City Point to meet our steamer, the PILGRIM.

Leslie E. Aldrich I

Getting Ready for Spring

When the last of the snow had melted and the days began to warm up, preparations were made for the spring gardening.

The Supervisor took some boys with rakes and shovels and cleaned the leaves from the garden beds. Many young shoots had already appeared and buds had begun to grow on the trees.

Some boys have gotten gravel from the beach. The gravel is sprinkled on all avenues and drives. When all the drives are graveled and the lawns are cleaned of twigs and the flowers begin to bud, we know spring is here at last.

Warren N. Pratt I

Signs of Spring

Spring is almost here!

The boys have forgotten about their sleds and skis and are now playing marbles and other spring games.

The crocuses, which are usually the first flowers to be seen in the spring, are just beginning to pop out of the ground. Soon the boys will be getting their gardens ready for the summer.

Some of the boys are getting out their baseballs and gloves, and a few have even been playing ball.

Crows have been seen flying around lately, and very soon we shall see the robins.

Arthur C. Brown I

Catching a Heifer

One morning another boy and I were cleaning the horse barn and Hutchings came and asked us if we would help him catch a heifer. We were glad to help him and said all right and started out. We saw the heifer up by the flag pole. When she saw us she started running over to a field at North End.

We chased her over there then she turned around and ran down to the barn. When we got there another boy was chasing her from the Compost Shed. She ran down by the scales and a boy stopped her. Then we took her into the barn.

Howard W. Sanborn IV

A Treat

About two weeks ago our teacher told our class that if we went two days without her reprimanding us she would give us a special treat. When we heard this we tried our best. Two days after that our teacher said she was going around to her room to get the treat. I tasted it almost before she got it. After we had eaten

it I thought that it was worth trying for. The boys in our class enjoyed the treat very much.

Ernest D. Newton IV

EVENING REVERIE

I love to spend the evening
Under the stars with God,
To do my sleeping and dreaming
Out on the Master's sod.

I love to watch the stars up there,
A glim'ring 'gainst the sky;
To watch the clouds sail everywhere,
To watch and wonder why.

I look with wonder at the moon,
Why is it up so high?
Who knows? I may be up there soon,
Then I won't wonder why.

On winter nights I sleep inside
A window 's by my bed,
From which I watch the clouds that glide
O'er all creations head.

Up in the sky I see my God.
A wondrous form he takes,
But usually my head will nod,-
I'll dream of things he makes.

Times when I work out in the field
I see Him in the flowers,
I wonder why the birds don't shield
Themselves from coming showers.

But when I think of Jesus, He
Who had no home at all,
In floods of shame I generally
See why His children fall.

"Children have faith" Apostles said,
Why do we not obey?
Is the spirit of Jesus dead?
Let's not turn him away.

If to the world you give your best,
As Christ would have you do,
Then as your life's sun sinks away
The best returns to you.

Carl O. G. Wjks I

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number and comparatively little attention has been given them. Very little thought has been given to modern poultry husbandry.

Whenever we tear down the old and build up the new, more adequate, and more modern way, we pause to wonder whether the alumni, the graduates of ten, twenty, thirty, or forty years ago approve the step forward. But then we go back even further and think of the tiers of bunks in which our boys of a hundred years ago slept, the out-house toilets, the wells with hand pumps raising water filled with more or less contamination from seepage, the one furnace in the dining room, hard wooden benches for the one school room, the scrub-board laundry at the back of the main building and many other features of the old days which were entirely proper and considered adequate in those days. None of the graduates would care to go back to the conditions of those days. So we believe that just as the graduates have sanctioned the changes from bunk to bed, out-house to flush toilet, scrub-boards to steam laundry, candle and kerosene lamp to electric lights, the building of Gardner Hall and the Power House, so will they approve the more recent changes of modernized diet, modern cow barn and registered Guernseys, new electric line connecting with the mainland, complete new Frigidaire cooling system, and the new poultry buildings and equipment.

The one building which housed our hens was a very old structure 15 by 50 feet. This was completely demolished, the disease-infected wood burned and the

Poultry farming has been one of the minor features among the many courses of practical training offered at our school. One hundred hens has been the average

adjoining land which had been used as a yard year after year was cleaned and thoroughly limed. On the site of the old hen house we erected a permanent Shenandoah brooder house 20 by 60 feet, with capacity of 2,000 chickens. This building is the home of the chicks from the time they are hatched until they are six or eight weeks old.

Another new building accommodates 600 laying hens and is constructed on the most modern plan. It is 20 by 120 feet. Both buildings are to be equipped with electric lights and running water.

The object of this revolutionized department is two-fold, complete and adequate training of those boys interested in this phase of agriculture and a sufficient supply of eggs for the school.

All of the work of construction on the new Poultry buildings is being done by the boys with the assistance of one carpenter and two farm instructors working part of the time.

Mr. Robert R. Kitching has been poultry instructor at the school about six months and will supervise and instruct in this newly expanded department. He has had many years of experience in the management and care of poultry. During the past ten years he has been poultry instructor at the Hillside School.

Topics in Brief

Nine hundred chickens came this month and were put into the new brooder house. It is expected that the same number will be purchased in a few weeks. In all we shall have eighteen hundred chicks. The laying house is nearly completed. Besides the work remaining on the laying house it will be necessary to build colony houses for the range.

A new refrigeration system, Frigidaire in construction, was brought to the Island on March 28.

At the courtesy of Manager Leverett Saltonstall thirty of our boys were privileged to visit the State House on March 5. Mr. Saltonstall is Speaker of the House.

Mrs. Emma F. Schoffield, Assistant to the Attorney General at the State House addressed the boys in a most interesting manner on March 26. Mrs. Schoffield described vividly the value of American citizenship. Mrs. Ruth Teppema rendered two fine violin solos during the evening. The School Brass quartet also played two selections.

Nearly all the boys attended one or more performances at the Repertory Theater this month. Our boys are very grateful to the Repertory Theater corporation for their extreme hospitality. They have greatly enjoyed the plays of high standard staged by this corporation.

Cottage Row Government property holders have begun to get their cottages into shape for the summer. The cottages must be cleaned, painted, shingled, lawns mowed and trimmed and other necessary work done or the share-holders will be "subject to arrest," according to the edict of Mayor Roy V. Towne and the Board of Aldermen. The activity and interest shown by the citizens promises a most successful summer for the property holders.

Our regular Easter Concert was held on March 31. An interesting account, written by one of the boys will be found on another page.

The work of remodeling and reconditioning our Band Hall was started this month. The walls will be painted a light gray, and the window framework will be painted white. Racks will be built in an easily accessible place near the door. The old row of cupboards will be disposed of. A new hard wood floor is to be laid. The necessary paint for this improvement has been given by Manager Edmund Q. Sylvester. Two Instructors, who desire to have their names kept anonymous, have given the wood for the new floor and have given a piano. This has been a long needed improvement and will be greatly appreciated by the boys.

The spring season has arrived and with it our usual spring work. Landscape gardening about the grounds has taken considerable of our time. Lawns must be raked, and new seed planted where needed; paths and driveways graded; trees pruned, hedges and small bushes trimmed and fertilized, and so forth. This work provides valuable training for the boys.

March Meteorology

Maximum Temperature 65° on the nineteenth and twentieth.

Minimum Temperature 20° above zero on the tenth.

Mean Temperature for the month 39°.

Sixteen clear days, four partly cloudy, eleven cloudy.

Calendar 50 Years Ago, Mar. 1879

As Kept by the Superintendent

1st Mr. J. R. Morse, Miss Gamwell and Gussie Morse went to the city.

4th The Protector came and took me to the city to report and meet the Managers.

10th Went to East Boston to carry

ash pan to the steamer to be repaired and to get various articles for the house.

11th The Executives Messrs. Lyman Gardner, Bowditch, DeBlois, and Storer were here and held an Executive meeting.

12th Herman H. Day came to work as foreman on farm. Mr. Thomas Motley and three of his students came to see our six legged calf. Came and went on the Protector.

17 Edwin Arthur Moore discharged to go to live with his grandmother in Germantown, Mass.

18th To the city with Thomas and Harry Beedeur who are discharged to their father, and George Kirk who goes to live with Mrs. Bennett, Revere, Mass.

20th All hands at work on the steamer putting it to rights. The boiler has to be cleaned, floor fixed, etc.

24th The boy Kenfield sick with head ache and fever.

25th Kenfield the same as yesterday and Stillings in much the same way. The Protector came this P. M. with Managers Bowditch, DeBlois, Dexter, Emmons, and Storer. After church all visited the school.

Calendar 90 Years Ago, Mar. 1839

As Kept by the Superintendent

7th Thomas Magee left this day, indented to a son of Dr. Tuckerman. Son a farmer on the Connecticut river.

15th Samuel Cutter left the Farm School indented to Mr. Hall of Windham, Mass., a shoemaker.

30th John Davies was indented to Mr. Munroe of Naick, Mass., a shoemaker. James H. Clapp was withdrawn on the same day by his friends, being a boarder.

30th Dea. Grant came down and preached one Sabbath of this month.

Total number of boys now 95.

Our Easter Concert

As Easter came a little early this year we began preparation for our Concert a little earlier.

The concert was given on March 31. The chapel was beautifully decorated with Easter Lilies and other pretty flowers. It was also decorated with lattice work.

Just behind the speakers there was a large white cross with an Easter lily in front of it.

The speakers and the choir sat in front.

The concert was as follows:

PROGRAMME

HYMN Christ is Risen

RESPONSIVE READING

Carl P. Herman, Leader

INVOCATION

Mr. Wallace

HYMN

Choir

RECITATION How to Find Easter

Willis M. Wight

RECITATION The First Easter

James E. Douglas

EXERCISE

William S. Wilson, Roy M. Dole, Carl E. Harden

HYMN

Choir

RECITATION They're Waiting Over There

William H. Thompson

RECITATION A Riddle

Leonard O. Pierce

BRASS QUARTET

There is a Green Hill Far Away

Arthur C. Brown, Roger L. Holton, Benjamin Mende,

John A. Paley

RECITATION

How the Robin's Breast Became Red

Edward F. Navin

RECITATION

Tis' Easter Day

Royl M. Augustine

HYMN

Choir

RECITATION

The Way, the Truth and the Life

Roy V. Towne

RECITATION

The Easter Reunion

Arthur H. Pickard

RECITATION

The Tendril's Faith

Reginald D. Randall

VIOLIN SOLO

Welcome Sweet Springtime

Roger L. Holton

RECITATION

Our Resurrection

Thomas W. Easty

RECITATION

Love Divine, All Love Excelling

Carl O. G. Wijks

BARITONE SOLO

The Palms

John A. Paley

RECITATION

I Saw Thee

Leslie E. Aldrich

HYMN

Choir

EASTER MESSAGE

Mr. Wallace

Almon H. Whitmore II

Fixing the Band Hall

Recently the shop boys started to fix the Band Hall. All the chairs are being wired to make them stronger. They are being stained a reddish color. A new hardwood floor is to be laid soon. The walls are to be painted a creamy white. We shall try to have some pictures of famous musicians and musical organizations on the walls. All of this work is intended to make the Band Hall a more attractive place.

John A. Paley

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Any news of the activities of the Alumni will be appreciated.

KENNETH A. BEMIS, '17, was married on February 16th, 1929 to Miss Evelyn Elizabeth Ellis, of Watertown, Mass., by the Rev. N. Beach of the Payson Park Congregational Church at the home the bride. Their new home will be at 155 Lovells Road, Watertown, Mass. Our best wishes go to the young couple.

ROBERT H. BOGUE, '04, on leaving the School entered the Medford High School, graduating in 1908. Received B. B. Chemistry 1912 from Tufts College; M. S. Chemistry in 1915 from Massachusetts Agricultural College; and Ph. D. Chemistry in 1920 from University of Pittsburgh. Has been instructor in chemistry at Mass. Agricultural College; Montana State College; Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa. Is now Research Director, Portland Cement Association Fellowship at Washington, D. C. Robert married in 1912 and has a son, aged 15 and a daughter, aged 10. Has a number of papers on chemistry published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, and belongs to the American Chemical Society, American Institute of Chemists and American Concrete Institute.

over twenty-five years. At the time of his death he was a salesman for the Mallory Hat Company, 12 West Street, Boston. Arthur was one of the most popular graduates and will be missed at all of our gatherings. He was a member of the Commerical Travelers Association, St. John's Lodge, Newtonville Chapter, Rethsemane Commandery, Aleppo Temple of the Shrine, and The Elks. He leaves a widow, Mrs. Sanchen G. Fearing. At the funeral the Alumni was represented by George J. Alcott, Harold E. Brenton, Will F. Davis, Henry F. Fox, James H. Graham, Preston W. Lewis, Clarence W. Loud, Edward A. and Mrs. Moore, William A. Morse, Frederick W. Paterson and Frank W. Wallace.

My Work Saturday Mornings

Every Saturday morning when the band goes to the band hall for practice two of the boys whose regular work is on our steamer, the PILGRIM go to the band hall with the band. Consequently two vacancies are left on the steamer crew.

These vacancies are filled by another boy and me. We go to the boat at eight o'clock and make it ready for the morning trips. We shine the brass, clean the windows, polish the woodwork and do other necessary things. During the morning we do many other things. We always make at least one trip to City Point, and sometimes two or three.

William H. Thompson I

ARTHUR D. FEARING, '84, died on January 18th, 1929, after an extended illness. Soon after leaving the School he started in as errand boy with the firm of Moore-Smith Company, 250 Devonshire Street, Boston, and was with them for







